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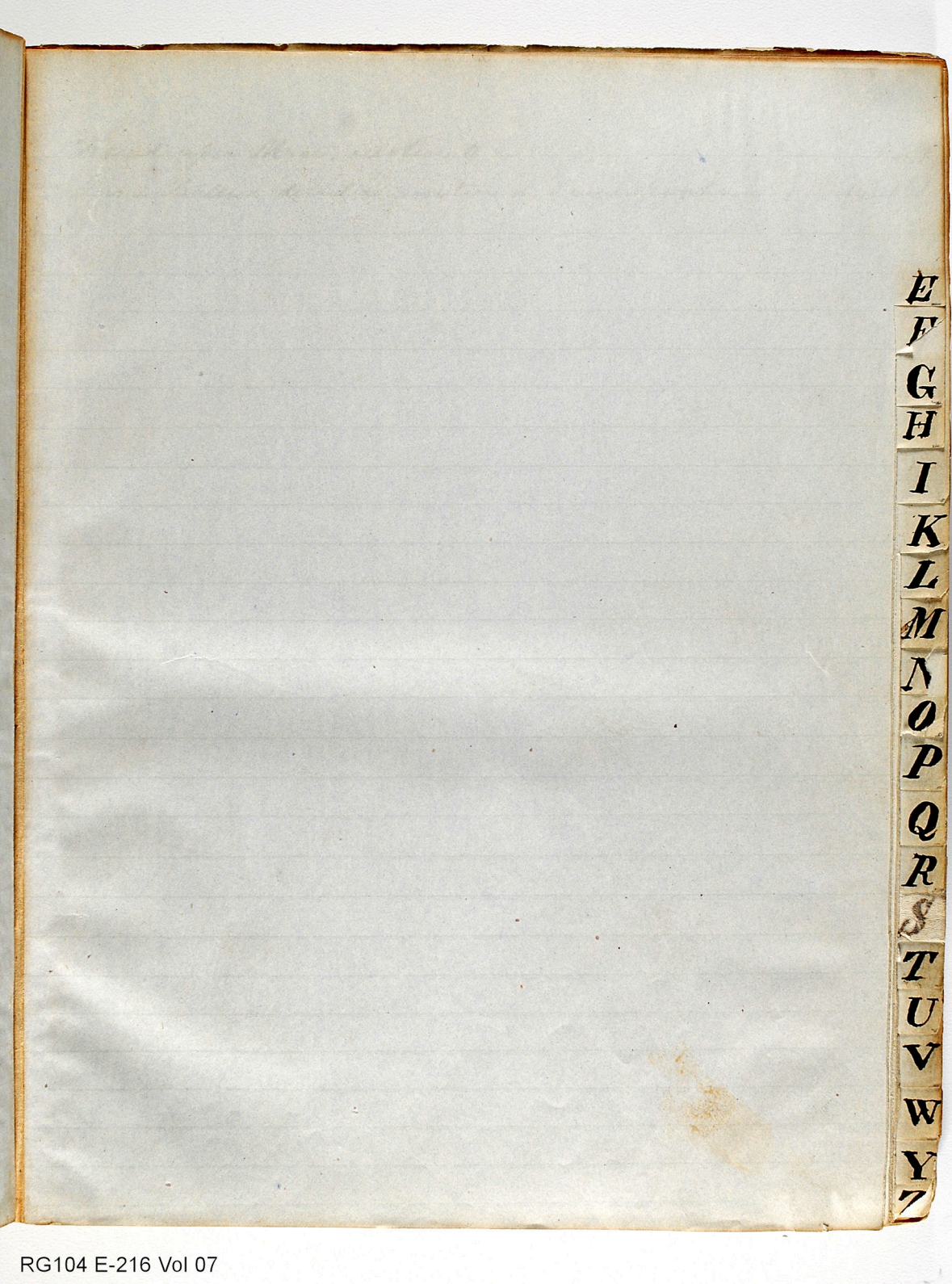

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Answ^d Aug^t 23 1845

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U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans Aug 14. 1845.

Sir,

I beg leave, very respectfully, to call your attention to that portion of my letter of the 15th ult^o, which relates to a Warrant for the amount necessary to defray the expenses of this Mint, during the present quarter, to wit: $11,000, divided as follows:

For Salaries of Officers & Clerks — $ 3225.
" Wages of Workmen, including deficiency of $218. in re= =mittance under this head for the last quarter 4351.50
" Contingent Expenses 3423.50

$ 11.000.

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313. Acceptance of Maj. Ames

Respectfully
Your Ob. Serv^t
J. M. Ellmaker
Sup.

Hon R. J. Walker
Sec of the Treas
Washington

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Mint of the United States

July 1st. 1845

Sir,

I have the satisfaction to inform you that all the Treasury transfer-drafts, payable at the Mint to day, and amounting together to $125.000, have been taken up by deposites in foreign silver coins or bullion as you required.

The operation was effected through the agency of the houses of Beebee and Parshall. On the 25th. ult. they made a pledge-deposite of $50,000 in sovereigns under the authority given in your letter of the 23d, but it was redeemed in Mexican dollars before the drafts fell due.

The conversion of these deposites into dimes and half-dimes is going forward rapidly

Very respectfully

Your faithful servant

R. M. Patterson,

Director

To/

Hon. R. J. Walker,

Secretary of the Treasury

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From
R. M. Patterson,
Director U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia,
July 1, 1845.

Respecting the Treasury transfer drafts, payable at the Mint this day.

Advises the payment in full of the Transfer drafts payable at the Mint on this 1st. Inst "in foreign Silver coin & bullion as required" on their face.

No. 237. July 5th

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Mint of the United States.
Sept. 2d, 1845.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ult.

The question of the means of distributing the small silver coins, which you have providently caused to be prepared for circulation, has frequently occupied my thoughts.

The regular and usual method of obtaining coins from the Mint is by the deposite of an equivalent in bullion of the same kind, — gold or silver; — foreign coins being always received by us as bullion. This method, however, might not be sufficient for putting our present supply of small coins in circulation, within the time that you have probably had in contemplation.

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I have, in one instance, authorized the exchange of a few thousand dollars of dimes and half-dimes for new half-dollars; and it might perhaps not be an objectionable measure to allow such exchanges, for either gold or silver U.S. coins, of date not earlier than 1837, (when the standards were changed,) and not reduced or defaced by wear: the amount however, never to be less than $100.

But perhaps of all the means proposed, that suggested by Mr. Dunlap is the most eligible; namely to give to Deposite Banks, in those places where small coins are needed, drafts on the Mint, payable in those coins. I must beg, however, that, in such cases, they be made payable ~~here~~ at the Mint; for we have not the means of transferring our funds.

I think there can be no doubt that the Valley of the Mississippi is

already abundantly supplied with dimes and half-dimes. In Philadelphia they are plenty, and I am assured that this is also the case in New York. It is probably in the Eastern States that they are most needed.

We have now, in the Treasurer's Vault, $162,470 in dimes, and $75,990 in half-dimes; or 1,624,700 pieces of the former, and 1,519,800 of the latter.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To
Hon. R. J. Walker
Secretary of the Treasury.

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Philadelphia, Jan. 5, 1846.

Dear Sir,

I regret that I did not get to see you when you were in the city. I wished to have some conversation with you in relation to the application of Mr Leonard for the situation of Dye-sinker in the Mint. Mr Leonard has furnished some specimens of his art to Dr Patterson, which are a great improvement on the American coin. He is recommended by all the artists here as amply qualified. Colonel Page has taken considerable interest in his application. He has seen the Secretary of the Treasury on the subject. Some of his friends intend visiting Washington city soon, when they will call on you respecting him. Mr Leonard is a man of good character, and is an ardent democrat. He would be of great advantage to the Mint establishment.

We should be much obliged to you for the earliest information in relation to the confirmation of Mr Horn, Dr. Lehman, Mr Walsh and Judge Woodward.

Very respectfully
Your ob't Servt
Benjamin Mifflin.

Hon. Geo. M. Dallas.

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(Private.)

Mint of the United States,
Jan. 7th, 1846.

Dear Sir,

I send you herewith an official letter, to ask that the President will appoint the Commissioners for the approaching annual assay, whom he is authorized by law to designate in addition to the District Judge, the District Attorney, and the Collector of the Port, — the Commissioners ex officio.

I hope you will excuse me for following the practice, heretofore always observed by the Director of the Mint, of respectfully suggesting to the President, through the Secretary of the Treasury, the names of individuals deemed proper to be selected for the occasion. I accordingly offer the following to his consideration.

Professor Benjamin Silliman, of Yale College; a philosopher of the most distinguished

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scientific reputation. I think I have reason to believe that the selection would gratify him, and that he would not fail to serve.

Henry D. Gilpin. Mr. Gilpin attended on two or three occasions, as assay commissioner ex officio, while District Attorney, many years ago, and is thus better prepared to judge of the operations.

Rev. Geo. W. Bethune. The distinguished talents of this gentleman, and what we deem the soundness of his political views, make him worthy of the notice of the government, and the appointment in question is perhaps the only one which his profession would permit him to accept.

Very respectfully,

Your faithful friend & servant,

R. M. Patterson.

To/

Hon. R. J. Walker.

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Mint of the United States,

Jan. 7, 1846.

Sir,

The annual assay at the Mint is to be held on the 9th of next month, and I have the honor respectfully to request that you will ask the attention of the President to the appointment of the Additional Commissioners provided for by the 32d section of the act of Jan. 18, 1837.

Very respectfully,

your faithful servant,

R. M. Patterson,

Director.

To/

Hon. R. J. Walker,

Secretary of the Treasury

I would respectfully recommend the appointment of Benjamin Silliman Jany 20, 1846.
Henry D. Gilpin and Rev. Geo. W. Bethune - there is no compensation attached to the appointment - If the gentlemen named or any others selected by you, a letter is sent by the Secretary of the Treasury notifying them of the fact
- (No commission is issued)

R. J. Walker
Sy. Treas.

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I Approve the within recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury: Jany 24th 1846.

James K. Polk
" "

Sec of Treasury
encloses letter of Director of
Mint at Philadelphia - recommending that Benjamin Silliman
of Yale College - H. D. Gilpin &
Dr Bethune be appointed assay
Commissioners for the approaching assay of 9th. Feb.
No compensation is allowed
& no commission issues - but
a letter from Sec of Treasury
informing them of the fact -

Jan 20 1846.

Recommitted
Assistant

I approve the within
recommendation of the
Treasury: Jan 24th 1846.
James K. Polk

Assistant
Mint at the
letter appointment
U. States

does this should have the advantage of the probable gain on the coinage, to be applied toward the payment of the carriage.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To
Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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Sir,

R. M. Patterson,
Director U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia,
Jan. 7, 1846.

Asking the appointment of the Additional Commissioner, for the Annual Assay.

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Mint of the United States.
Jan. 13th, 1846.

Sir,

I have the honor to send herewith a report of the operations of the Mint and its Branches for December.

I hope to be able to present my annual report tomorrow.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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Mint of the United States,
Jan. 28, 1846.

Sir,

On the 4th of June last, a small package was mailed at New Orleans, addressed to you, and containing Assay Coins, to be forwarded to this Mint. The value of the enclosure was $34, composed of 2 eagles and 28 half dollars. On examining our packages of Assay Coins, it was found that this had never come to hand.

I wrote, respecting this matter, to the Superintendent of the New Orleans Mint, and I have received from him, to-day, a formal acknowledgment, by the Post Master, given at the time, that the package in question had been delivered at the office, and a certificate from the chief mail clerk that it was registered as being mailed on the 4th of June.

The object of this letter is to ask that you will cause inquiry to be made whether any such package was received at your department, and forwarded to me.

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It is fortunate that the value of the remittance was so small. It represented the deliveries from the 27th to the 31st of May only. It is the first instance of a failure to receive any package sent from the Branch Mints.

Very respectfully,

Your faithful servant,

R. M. Patterson,
Director.

Hon. R. J. Walker,

Secretary of the Treasury

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To the Hon. Secretary of the Treasury —

Sir

In compliance with the instructions received from you I have the honor to inform you that I am now in this city for the purpose of attending to the prescribed duty regarding the Mint of the United States and remain yours very respectfully —

B Silliman

Phila February 7 —
1846 —

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Copy

from the Minutes of the Commissioners of the annual Assay at the Mint of the United States.

1846.

Mint of the United States

Monday Feb. 9, 1846.

The Commissioners appointed under the 32d Sect. of the Mint Act of Jan. 18, 1837, met, in conformity with the provisions of that act, for the purpose of making the annual trial of the gold and silver coins, received at the Mint and its Branches, during the year 1845.

Present

Hon. Archibald Randall, Judge U.S. Dist. Court, E. Dist. of Penn.
Thomas M. Pettit, Esq. U.S. Attorney for the E. Dist. of Penn.
Henry Horn, Esq. Collector of the Port of Philadelphia

} Commissioners ex officio

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Professor Benjamin Silliman, of Yale College, New Haven, Conn. } Commissioners designated by the President.

Rev. Dr. Geo. W. Bethune, of Philadelphia

Hon. Dallas Bache, Esq. of Washington City D.C.

Also present the following officers of the Mint

The Director
The Treasurer
The Chief Coiner
The Melter and Refiner
The Assayer
The Engraver
The Assistant Assayer

The Chair was taken by the Hon. Judge Randall.

The laws bearing upon the duties of the Commissioners of Assay were then read, namely Sections 8, 9, 10, 22, 25, 27 & 28 of the act of Jan. 18, 1837; the act of May 19, 1828; and Sect. 4 of the act of March 3, 1835.

The Minutes of the last annual assay were read and it was resolved that the course then adopted should be pursued on the present occasion.

Mint of the United States.
Feb. 10, 1846.

Sir,

I have the honor to send inclosed a Copy of the minutes of the Proceedings of the Commissioners appointed to attend the Annual Assay which was held at the Mint yesterday.

You will see that all the Commissioners and officers of the Mint were in attendance, and that the results of the assay were entirely satisfactory.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To
Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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Count of Reserved Coins

The gold and silver coins of the Philadelphia Mint, reserved from time to time during the year 1845, for the annual assay, according to the provisions of the 27th section of the act of Jan. 18, 1837, were taken from the chest in which they had been kept, and counted, and the number and kind of pieces compared with the registers, and found to correspond in every particular.

Also the gold and silver coins from the Branch Mint at New Orleans, and the gold coins from the Branch Mint at Dahlonega, - transmitted under seal to the Director of the Mint, agreeably to the 4th Sect. of the act of March 3d, 1835, to establish Branches of the Mint of the United States, were counted, and the number and kind of pieces compared with the registers, and found to correspond in every particular; except, that

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there was a deficiency of 2 eagles and 28 half dollars, stated to have been contained in a package remitted from the Mint at New Orleans, and mailed at that city on the 4th of June last, through the Secretary of the Treasury, to the Director in this city. The Director explained to the Commissioners that this package, containing the reservations of the coinage of three days, from May 27th to 31st, 1845, had never been received by him; that he could only ascertain, after diligent enquiry, that it reached the Treasury Department at Washington; but whether it was mailed there for Philadelphia could not now be determined. The Director also explained that in consequence of the destruction of the Branch Mint, at Charlotte N.C., by fire, in 1844, there had been no coinage there during the last year.

Weight of Returned Coins

The Commissioners then directed that the several parcels of coins should be weighed; when the following results were obtained:

The reserved gold coins of the Philadelphia Mint were of the value of $1440.00, and consequently their legal weight was 77.400 ounces. Their actual weight was found to be 77.399; so that they fell short of the standard weight by one thousandth of an ounce.

The reserved silver coins of the Philadelphia Mint were of the value of $84.95, and consequently their legal weight was 73.003 ounces. Their actual weight was 73.003; so that they were exactly of the standard weight.

The reserved gold coins of the New Orleans Mint were of the value of $665.00, and consequently their legal standard weight was 35.744 ounces. Their actual weight was found to be 35.740; so that they fell short of the standard weight by four thousandths of an ounce.

The reserved silver coins of the New Orleans Branch Mint were of the value of $199.10; and consequently their legal standard weight was 171.102

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ounces. Their actual weight was found to be 171.082 ounces; so that they fell short of the standard weight by two hundredths of an ounce.

The reserved gold coins of the Dahlonega Branch Mint were of the value of $1130.00; and consequently their legal standard weight was 60,738 ounces. Their actual weight was found to be 60.738 ounces; so that they were exactly of the standard weight.

Assay of Reserved Coins

The Commissioners then directed that the several parcels of gold and silver coins as aforesaid should be assayed; and the same having been done the following results were obtained.

The reserved gold coins of the Philadelphia Mint were of the fineness of 900.3 thousandths; and were therefore three tenths of a thousandth above the legal standard.

The reserved silver coins of the Philadelphia Mint were of the fineness of 900.7 thousandths, and were therefore seven tenths of a thousandth above the legal standard.

The reserved gold coins of the New Orleans Mint were of the fineness of 899.5 thousandths, and were therefore five tenths of a thousandth below the legal standard.

The reserved silver coins of the New Orleans Branch Mint were of the fineness of 900.2 thousandths, and were therefore two tenths of a thousandth above the legal standard

The reserved gold coins from the Dahlonega Branch Mint were of the fineness of 900.2 thousandths, and were therefore two tenths of a thousandth above the legal standard

It appeared therefore that the deviations from standard fineness were in every instance within the

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limits allowed by law.

The Commissioners therefore approve the gold and Silver coins issued at the Mint and its Branches during the year 1845.

Examination of the Weights

The Commissioners then, in compliance with the 3d Section of the Act of May 19, 1828, proceeded to test the accuracy of the Weights ordinarily employed at the Mint by comparing them with the series of Standard weights kept for the purpose, and the correspondence was found to be in every instance satisfactory.

(Signed) Arch.d Randall
" J. M. Pettit
" Henry Horn

(signed) B. Silliman
" Geo. W. Bethune
" A. D. Bache
" R. M. Patterson
Director

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Mint of the United States,

Feb. 12, 1846.

Sir,

I have the honor to to endose to you the usual Statement of the Deposites and Coinage at the Mint of the United States and Branches during the past month.

Very respectfully,

Your faithful servant

R. M. Patterson.

To /

Hon: R. J. Walker,

Secretary of the Treasury

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Mint of the United States,
March, 13, 1846.

Sir,

I have the honor to send enclosed the State-
ment of Deposites and Coinage at the Mint and
its Branches during the past month.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant,
R. M. Patterson
Director.

Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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Mint of the United States,

March 19, 1846.

Sir,

I have before me a letter from the Post Master at New Orleans, and another from the Post Master General, both addressed to you, and by you referred to me for my action. They have regard to the supply of the Post Office at New Orleans with copper coins from the Mint.

Mr. Penn has already procured cents from us, and is perfectly well aware of the course to be pursued. The only question, therefore, connected with his letter, that requires your notice, is the propriety of making a deposit of cents, at the New Orleans Mint, from which he can be supplied, from time to time, as the necessities of his Office may require.

On this proposition, I have to remark, that the experiment of a deposite of copper coins at New Orleans for distribution, was made by us in 1842, on the authority of the Department, and that it utterly failed. We sent only the amount of $1500; and after two years and a half $620 worth of these

these coins were returned to us, because they could not be disposed of. During all this time a part of our Treasurer's copper account was of course unsettled, much to the distress of this punctilious and cautious officer.

I cannot think that under these circumstances the proposed deposite is advisable. Mr. Penn can have any amount of copper coins that he may desire sent to him without charge for transportation, on his sending us a draft negotiable here at par for the sum wanted, and I think that this course ought to be satisfactory to him. If the Post Master General shall himself think it proper to order them, and will furnish the requisite funds, they will be sent without delay to New Orleans, or to any other point that he may indicate.

Very respectfully,

Your faithful servant,

R. M. Patterson,

Director.

Hon. R. J. Walker,

Secretary of the Treasury

Mint of the United States.
April 18, 1846.

Sir,

I have the honor to send inclosed a Report of the operations of the Mint and its Branches for the month of March.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant
R. M. Patterson,
Director

To
Hon. R. J. Walker
Secretary of the Treasury.

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Mint of the United States,
June 4th, 1846

Sir,

On paying a treasury draft for $50,000, presented to day, our Government deposite stands as follows.

In gold — — — — —	$ 159,707.25
In silver — — — —	395,054.65
Total — — — —	554,761.90

Our capital is thus reduced too low to enable us to make prompt payments to depositors. When the Mint is in full operation there must always be a large amount of bullion passing through the operations preparatory to coinage, and unless there be at our command, coins to that amount, depositors must be kept waiting for their returns.

There was made here, yesterday, a single deposite of gold, from the United States mines, of upwards of $88,000. It is to be feared that the depositor may be subjected to inconvenient delay in receiving his payment.

Our deposites of gold for coinage are now large, and it is accordingly very desirable that the Government deposite should be increased, if consistent with the views of the department, by bank drafts in our favor, payable in foreign gold coins or bullion. I, therefore, take the liberty of most respectfully calling your attention to the subject.

To,
Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully your faithful Servant
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

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Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, June 9th, 1846.

Sir,

During a visit which was recently made at the Mint by the Hon. Jas. A. Black, and F. A. Elmore, my attention was called to a claim, made in 1837, by Messrs. Reuben Perry and Thomas Lyon, the contractors employed for building the edifice for the Branch Mint at Charlotte in North Carolina; and evidences were laid before me, and explanations given, which dispose me to modify somewhat the opinion which I gave on that occasion. Permit me, then, to present to you a brief statement of the case.

The specification in the contract agreed to by Messrs. Perry & Lyon, called for a cornice around the building, of considerable projection, to be made of brick. In May, 1836, Major Saml. McCombs, the commissioner for the erection of the building, informed me that the contractors had begged him to invite my consideration to the cornice as laid down on the plan; as a brick cornice, with the projection given in that plan, could not be made to stand; and they suggested the substitution of stone, either rough, to be plastered, or dressed, as I might think fit. The difficulty thus presented by the contractors was referred by

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by me to the Architect, Mr. Strickland, who had furnished the designs, and he stated that the cornice could certainly be constructed in bricks, properly moulded for the purpose, but that it might, perhaps, be more readily done by rough stone, to be plastered, and he presented a plan for this purpose.

I am now satisfied that of such bricks as could be made of the clay found in the neighborhood of Charlotte, a cornice having the projection required for architectural effect, could not have been constructed with safety and that a resort to the stone flags was necessary.

From the communications made to me at the time, I received the impression that the cornice actually constructed was made entirely of dressed stone, and I objected to any remuneration for the extra cost of such a work, because it had never been authorized. I now find that there was but one range of stone flags used, that these were but roughly dressed on their lower projecting surface, and that the body of the cornice was still made of bricks.

The question of the additional cost of the cornice thus constructed was referred by the Commissioner, (without

authority, however, either from the Secretary of the Treasury or myself,) to men who were deemed competent and impartial judges, and they declared, on the evidence of witnesses examined under oath, that "the amount paid for quarrying, wagoning 21 miles, cutting, and putting up the work [the flags in question] on the walls, was $1177."

In acceding to the suggestion made by the Contractors of using stone in the cornice, I had certainly no expectation that this change was to involve an additional expense, and such a consequence was not alluded to by them at the time. Yet there can be no doubt, I think, that the change was necessary, and that the additional cost was incurred. I would, therefore, withdraw my former objection to the claim should it again be brought before Congress.

Very respectfully,

Your faithful servant,

R. M. Patterson,

Director.

To/

Hon. Robt J. Walker,

Secretary of the Treasury

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An estimate of the Expenses of the Mint at Philadelphia for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1846.

For Salaries of Officers & Clerks viz		
The Director - - - -	3,500	
The Treasurer - - - -	2,000	
The Chief Coiner - - - -	2,000	
The Assayer - - - -	2,000	
The Melter & Refiner - - -	2,000	
The Engraver - - - -	2,000	
The Assistant Assayer - -	1,300	
Four Clerks at 1200 ℔ ea - -	4,800	19,600.
For Wages of Workmen - - -		24,000
For Incidental & Contingent expenses including fuel materials Stationery waterrent & repairs - and Wastage for the whole year 1845		6,400
For Specimens of Ores & Coins to be reserved at the Mint - - - - -		,300.
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Mint of the United States.
July 21, 1845.

Sir,

I have the honor to send herewith my monthly report of the operations of the Mint and Branches, for June.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To
Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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Mint of the United States,
Aug. 12, 1846.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith a Statement of the Deposites and Coinage at the Mint and its Branches in the month of July, 1846.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To
Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Sept 1, 1846.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Marshall returns to Washington tomorrow, having fulfilled the object of his mission here. From my last letter, you may suppose that it could have been much sooner accomplished; and so it certainly might, if it had been confined to the main object of determining the correspondence of the cash on hand, and the balances on the Treasurer's books, as confirmed by an examination of the vouchers. But Mr. Marshall has, much to my satisfaction, extended his researches much further, and included in it an examination of the whole system of our accounts, including books which are not of our Treasury department, and are not strictly official. I believe that he has now a distinct idea of our whole system, so far as money and bullion are concerned.

Very faithfully yours,
R. M. Patterson.

Wm. R. J. Walker.

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Sept. 2, 1846.

Sir,

The transfer drafts, in favor of the Mint, issued on the 28th ult., to the amount of $200,000, have all been paid. In consequence of your consent conveyed by the Magnetic telegraph, that payments might be received in United States gold coins, $40,000 only was paid in foreign gold. Of this sum $25,000 was received from the Bank of Commerce, New York, through the Bank of Pennsylvania; and $15,000 from the Bank of America, the Merchants Bank, and the Mechanics Bank, of New York, in part of their quota of $75,000, paid through the hands of Ludlow & Peabee.

Very respectfully,

Your faithful servant,

R. M. Patterson,
Director

Hon. Robert J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury

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Mint of the United States
Philada Sept 3. 1846

Sir

I have the honor to report that I have received as Assistant Treasurer Ten thousand one hundred Dollars from Henry Horn and others which I have made a report to the Treasurer of the United States — I yesterday received Twenty five thousand from James Page Esqr Collector in Bank Notes of this City — There is some doubt among the disbursing Officers here as to the legality of receiving and paying Bank Notes before January 1st 1847. I shall be pleased to receive instructions on that point as soon as it may be convenient —

It is with extreme reluctance that I have again to ask for your kind consideration in the matter of my Official Bond — The Sum of Two hundred thousand Dollars a larm over one

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Hon. R J Walker
Secretary of the Treasury
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to whom I have applied, as each individual is bound for the whole Sum — Since my return home, I have used every exertion to comply with your instruction, and have succeeded in obtaining Surety for One hundred thousand dollars, which Sum I trust may appear to you, ample Security.

The Law leaves the Sum entirely to your decision, and if the funds should hereafter be very large, the security may be increased, and which I could more readily do, than obtain Signers to the larger sum of Two hundred thousand.

I do hope that an character I have ever sought to preserve, Civil, as well as Military, may be considered by you, as I can sacredly assure you it is with me, greater security than any other bond — When the position I occupy in the Mint is considered — My Vaults under the care of Mint Watchmen — My Accounts forwarded every week to the Treasurer of the U States and the balances promptly drawn for — My Vaults and Books examined monthly by Dr Patterson

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Director — And to which may be added the pains and penalties of the Law. ——

These Circumstancy. candidly stated do appear to me to add greatly to the security of the Government, and make me sanguine in the hope that you will permit a Bond to be sent to me, for One hundred thousand Dollars —

This added to the sum already received will be gratefully acknowledged ——

Very respectfully
your Obt. Servt
J Roach
Treasurer

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Washington D. C. 5th Sept. 1846

Hon. Robt J. Walker

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir: Agreeably to your instructions of the 14th August I have visited the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia and duly examined the books, accounts, and returns of the Treasurer as well in regard to the public monies in the Mint as those in the Independant Treasury. My investigations extended to upwards of fifty books and heads of account, and to the whole of the vouchers of accounts and warrants for the months of July and August. I also inspected the public monies in the vaults of the Mint: ascertaining its amount by weight, and by count where it appeared necessary to check the weight.

In order to proceed regularly through the books and papers of the Treasurer's office, and to avoid going back to new entries, incident to the daily transaction of business, I adopted two specific periods for my examinations. The second quarter having been duly returned to the Treasury, I embraced from the 1st July, 1846 to the 24th August for all accounts connected with the public monies in the Mint; and from the

first July of an account to the 31st August for all accounts and returns under the head of the "U. S. Treasury at Philadelphia."

I examined the books of the Treasurer in reference to their number, names, correctness of entry, the actual monies in the vaults of the Mint, and the general manner and form of keeping accounts. In the case of gold and silver bullion, I first ascertained the amount of purchase money, and next its proceeds as per the checks of the several books of the Mint. In the copper account, where certain profits accrue to the credit of the United States, my review of the several transactions since 1st July last, commenced with the invoice of copper planchets, and passed regularly through the several stages of coining until delivery and credit of profits.

The result of my examinations of the cash on hand to the credit of the United States stated on the books, fixed the amount at $258,315. 68: viz—

In the U.S. Mint 24th Aug 1846	$	228.215 68
In the Independent Treasury 31st Aug. "		10.100 00
	$	258. 315.68

The amount in the vault as examined by me, corresponded with the statement on the books.

The manner and form of keeping the books of the Independant Treasury are the same as established by the treasurer of the Mint, under the former law, and the Treasurer informs me that he will continue using them until further instructions. The plan was adopted by an old & experienced bookkeeper, and appears to be simple and entirely sufficient for the present operations of the treasury. There are two sets of books; one for the "General Fund," and the other for the "Post Office Fund." The books of the "General Fund," are

1 Ledger Account Current
2 Register of Status for warrants
3 Journal
4 Contingent Expenses
5 Letter Book in General
6 Receipt Book
7 Blotter of Receipts and Payments
8 Pass Book with Statements

With the exception of the 1st 2d & 6th all these books are kept on the usual forms of account. The forms of the exceptions are peculiar to the office, and I

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accordingly preserved copies. The books of the "Post Office Fund" comprise the following:

1 Ledger account current
2 Journal
3 Register of Notices of Post Office Warrants
4 Blotter of Receipts and Payments

The previous remark is applicable to the foregoing. The 1st and 3d are exceptions, copies of which I have taken.

It affords me great pleasure to state, that after a most thorough and systematic investigation, I found no material errors in any of the transactions of the Treasurer of the Mint with the public monies of the United States. Apart from the Independant Treasury, the manner and form of the books and account of the Treasurer are calculated to attain great accuracy and dispatch. It is the custom of the Office to make entry of business transactions on the same day of their occurrence & to bring up the books to the close of each day's operations. At the end of the

quarter, it is only necessary to copy the abstract of returns forwarded by the Treasurer to Washington, and this copy is invariably transmitted immediately upon the Expiration of the quarter. The books are in the hands of sober and experienced clerks; and as a check upon their accounts, the treasurer, on the last day of each week, inspects the cash in the vaults, and ascertain that it corresponds with the statement on the books

In conducting my investigations, I received every attention from the Director & Treasurer, R. M. Patterson, & Isaac Roach Esqrs. These Officers properly appreciate your solicitude for the faithful execution of the laws, & the Treasurer felt gratified to have an opportunity to give a detailed exhibit of the condition of his office. So far as my review of his official conduct has extended, he appears in every respect a worthy officer and well deserving a continuance of your confidence & esteem

Very respectfully
Your Obdt Servant
John Marshall

Mint of the United States.
Sept. 23, 1846.

Sir,

I have the honor to pursuit to you the enclosed report of the Operations of the Mint and its Branches, for the month of August.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To
Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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Mint of the United States.
Treasurer's Office
Philadelphia, Sept. 26, 1846.

Sir

I have the honor to enclose you a transcript of my a/c as Assistant Treasurer of the United States, from the 19th inst to this date inclusive

On the 7th inst. in conformity with the 13th section of the Treasury Act, I requested the sanction of the Hon. Secretary of the Treasury to the appointment of Mr. Rowland Parry as Clerk, which I trust will be approved of, as Mr. Parry continues to perform his duties very efficiently. I also wish to be instructed as to the Bond to be given by Mr. Parry.

In the Circular of Instructions received yesterday, it is considered advisable at the end of each month, if the balance in my hands of Bank Notes exceed $5,000. that they be exchanged for specie. As all my deposits are at present in Bank Notes of the two Deposit Banks of this city, and the holders of Drafts generaly prefer the paper, I wish to pay out such funds as I may receive, and thus save the labor and porterage con-

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sequent on sending to Bank for the Specie prior to January 1847.

I am, very respectfully
Your obdt Servt
J Roach
Treasurer and
Agt Treas: U. States

Hon. Robert J. Walker
Secy. of the Treasury,
Washington City

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia, Oct. 12, 1854.

Sir,

I have the honor to send inclosed the official bond of Mr. Emmon Graham as Coiner of the Branch Mint at Charlotte, North Carolina; and, on the representations made to me by the Hon. James A. Black, and by the Superintendent P. W. Caldwell, Esq., I have felt justified in adding the certificate, required by law, that it is to my satisfaction.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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From,

R. M. Patterson,

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

12 Oct. 46

Accompanying the Bond of Emmer Graham, Coiner at the Branch Mint Charlotte N.C.

Returned for the approval of the Secy of the Treasury under 6th Section of act substituting bonds with Jany 18/37 Wm Cc

Rec. 30th Oct 13/46

Pd Comptroller

W Vanzandt

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Mint of the United States.
Oct. 16th, 1844.

Sir,

I have the honor to lay before you a report of the operations of the Mint and its Branches, for September.

The operations of the Branch Mints at New Orleans and Charlotte were resumed early in the present month.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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Mint of the United States.
Oct. 27, 1846.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday regarding certain alterations proposed to be made in the building of the Branch Mint at New Orleans.

In compliance with your instructions, I have written to the Superintendent for his opinion in the case, and await his answer, to write to you again on the subject.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director

To Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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L. W. McKean Esq
Treasury Department

Mint Phila
Dec 1. 1846

Dear Sir

I have enquired at the Book stores, but cannot find the Book you describe. and our Assayer has never seen it. but supposes it to have been compiled from Dr Pattersons Report to Mr Spencer of March 1846 and which may be found among the House Documents No 183. 28 Congress 1 Session Treas. Dept. If I could have found the Book it should have been promptly forwarded to your address

In Conformity with the 13 Sec. of act of Aug 6 I applied to the Hon Secretary of the Treasury for his permission to purchase some Books &c for the use of my Office as Asst Treas. and again repeated the application during the month of Sept. when I was compelled to purchase Stationary &c to the amt of 70 $ and requested a Warrant in my favor for the amt

Oct 26th some young Gentleman near your instructs me that no such bills can be incurred without the previous authority of the Dept and the purpose of the expence detailed. I then stated the amts expended when I received instruction. to send the Bills receipted

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or Certify on each one that the articles so purchased were furnished to my Office to enable me to discharge the duties imposed on me by the Law"

This Certificate was placed on each bill and signed by Mr. Those instructions to me were dated Oct 30 and my report is dated Oct 31. Mr Town has called several times for the payment of his bill and I will be obliged to you if you will draw the attention of the proper Officer to this Matter, as I cannot think of troubling the Secretary of the Treasury with such small matters —

Please to remember me kindly to Mr McKean and all the young ladies —

Yr friend & Obt Servt
I Pleasants

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia, Dec. 3, 1845.

Sir,

I have the honor to send herewith a report of the operations of the Mint and its Branches for the month of ~~December~~ October.

I regret to state the operations of the Mint at Charlotte have been seriously interrupted by the illness of the Assayer, Dr. Gibbon. Of 10,015.84 ounces deposited during the month, 2,192.25 only have been assayed. Dr. Gibbon is still too weak to resume his labors, but it is hoped the delay will not be long.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Dec. 5, 1846

Sir,

A draft on our bullion fund, in favor of Corcoran & Riggs, has been paid by us this day, as follows:

In gold coins	$47,000.
In silver coins	3,000
	$50,000

This reduces the whole amount of our Government deposite to ——— $319,320.89

Made up as follows: —— Silver 286,199.80
Gold 33,320.89

Of the silver, we have in Dimes $79,000.
in Half-dimes 9,000
$88,000

From this statement, you will see that our supply of gold is very nearly exhausted, and that a further draft at sight, payable

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in gold coin, cannot be drawn upon us, with any certainty of prompt payment.

Under these circumstances, it is very desirable that our deposits of gold should be increased; and I most respectfully beg of you that this may be done if practicable. There is now in the hands of the Assistant Treasurer here, about $150,000 in gold coins.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To
Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia Dec 8. 1846

Sir

I have the honor to report that previous to the receipt of your instruction of 7th inst to pay to Mr Harrington the precise sum deposited by him in the Mint, I had paid to him in American Gold the actual value of his deposit say $1.870.34 100ths in which amount. I trust he has ere this arrived safely at the Treasury Department.

I have this day transferred as Asst Treasurer One hundred thousand Dollars, to the Credit of the Bullion Account of the Mint.

I am respectfully
Your Obt Servt
J Snowden
Treasurer and
Asst Treas U. States

Hon R J. Walker
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Dec. 18, 1846.

Sir,

I have the honor to send herewith a report of the operations of the Mint and its Branches for the month of November.

I regret to state that the operations at the Charlotte Mint are still much interrupted by the continued illness of the Assayer.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To
Hon. Robert J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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Mint of the United States,

Dec. 19th, 1846

Sir,

I had the honor to receive from you a letter of the 26th of October, enclosing "a communication from the Treasurer of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, with a plan of certain alterations ~~to be~~ proposed to be made in the building for the convenience of the Treasurer". These you submitted for my consideration, and you asked me to communicate my opinion, after consulting with the Superintendent.

I immediately wrote to Mr. Kennedy, as I informed you in my letter of the 27th of October.

I have now received the reply from Mr. Kennedy, in which he says:

"I enclose a plan of proposed alterations in the basement story of our Mint building, for the accommodation of the Sub-treasury, together with a specification of the work to be done, and an estimate of the cost. Mr. Macmurdo

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after consultation with myself and the officers concerned, was induced to abandon the plan originally submitted by him to the Secretary of the Treasury, principally on account of the noise and heat consequent upon the operations in the rolling room".

This plan I have now the honor to transmit to you. I have examined it, and believe it to be a very judicious one, - to be preferred on many accounts, economy included, to that previously presented. Mr. Peale has, at my request examined the estimates, and assures me that they are moderate. I, therefore, respectfully recommend that you give your authority for the execution of the work.

Very respectfully,

Your faithful servant,

R. M. Patterson,
Director.

P.S.

Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Specification

Of alterations and improvements to be made in the building known as the United States Mint at New Orleans.

Wooden floors are to be laid in the ~~four~~ two offices, No. 3 & 4. which are represented by the plan, in the following manner. Cedar strips 1½ inch thick by 3 or 4 inches wide and clear of sap laid on the stone flagging two feet from centres and the space between them filled up with fine char coal. Clear yellow pine planks 1¼ inch by 4 inches in width and matched and laid in coves and blind nailed will be laid in said cedar strips in the best manner.

The side walls of said ~~four~~ two offices will be furred off in the best manner and lathed and plastered and hard finished in three coats in the best manner. The furrings to be only 12 inches from centres.

A proper skirting will be fixed to all proper parts of said offices and all openings will be properly cased and fixed.

The ceilings to be neatly whitewashed and the the walls and ceiling of the hall also.

A door in Vault No. 3 and No. 4 is to be removed from one side to the other and all parts made firm and secure.

The door at the end of ~~the~~ small passage No. 1. leading into ~~Vault~~ Office No. ~~4 and No. 1~~ is to be filled up and all made good and secure.

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The fireplace in each offices is to be finished with a neat wooden fanny mantle made in imitation of Egyptian marble and a neat fanny iron grate with every requisite article. A neat marble hearth is to be laid to each fireplace.

The small window in offices ~~No 2~~ No. 3 to be made as large as one of them in the other offices, and finished in the same manner. The casings of all openings will be fixed so as to receive the extra thickness of the furring and plastering.

There will be built a neat iron stair case leading from the office above the Office No. 3 down into said office as shown by the plan.

The strings, balusters and rails will be of iron and the iron rail will be caped or surmounted by a neat Mahogany rail 2¼ inches in diameter and the whole made and finished in the neatest and most complete manner. The steps will be of wood 1⅛ inch thick. There will be a strong newell at the bottom ~~and~~ of each rail. The upper end of the outside rail will be finished in the wall.

All the proper wood work of these ~~four~~ two offices and the hall will be painted in the best manner with three coats for the new work and two coats for the old work.

All locks and fastenings to be repaired where necessary and in all cases made good.

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Revised Estimate.

8	Squares of flooring at $7. pr. square	$ 56.
175.	yards of furring & plastering at 50¢ pr. yd.	87.
160	Feet of skirting at 12¢ pr. foot	19.
	Whitewashing	12.
	Moving two doors and filling up three openings and cutting to new openings and hanging two doors &c in vault Nos. 3 & 4	150.
2	Fireplaces finished with mantles grates &c	75.
1	Window to be enlarged	20.
	Casings to be repaired and fixed	15.
20	Steps of circular iron stairs at $13. pr. step	260.
	Painting	25.
	Repairing locks & fastenings	15.
		$ 734.

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From,

R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia.

Sends Copies to Com[e] of 19 Dec. '46
Ways & Means & Finance & Senate & Rec[d] & Ref[d]
this for more full consideration
with a plan for certain alterations in the New Orleans Mint, and his approval of the same.

Shall this be referred to the Com. of Ways & Means with a request that the appropriation for the Coining at N. Orleans be increased to pay for the proposed alterations?

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Dec. 23, 1845.

Sir,

In compliance with the desire expressed in your letter of the 20th inst., I send to you the enclosed letter from the Treasurer of the Branch Mint at New Orleans.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant
R. M. Patterson,
Director

Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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Mint of the U. States
Philada Dec 29. 1846.

Sir

I hasten to comply with your instruction, in explanation of the complaint of Mr Bachman Cashier of the Lancaster Bank.

When I ascertained that Mr Bachman's deposit was partly French Coin, and that the Dimes were old, I did say to him there would be delay in Counting them, and as he was a Bank Officer most likely the Bank here would give him other Coin for them. The Dimes were not sent to the Mint, and Mr Bachman expressed no dissatisfaction, left a deposit of $5.000 in Gold & Treasury Notes which was Coined for him, and the results of which addressed to him at Lancaster as directed, and a balance of 20.$ now remaining subject to his order.

In the hurry of duties devolving on me, by the late Law, this Case, and perhaps others may appear to my disadvantage, but I beg you to-

Hon R. J Walker
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington

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to assure the Hon. Mr Cameron. or Mr Bachman that my best exertions have been given to the performance of my public duties, and I regret that any individual should appear to have had Cause of Complaint. in this instance. and shall endeavor to prevent a like occurrence in future

all of which is respectfully submitted

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Treasurer

The Secretary of the Treasury is respectfully referred to the accompanying letter from Mr. Bachman of Lancaster regarding the conduct of the Phila. Mint.

With great respect.

Simon Cameron

Dec 10. 1846.

Hon R.J. Walker
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Lancaster Bank
Dec 8th 1866

Hon Simon Cameron

Dear Sir

Last week I took $5000 in dimes to the Treasurer of the Mint at Philadelphia for the purpose of procuring Treasury notes under the late Act of Congress which my application were refused by the Assistant Treasurer, simply as a reason it is too much trouble to count them! In consequence of which I was put to considerable expense and trouble in carrying this amount of specie 70 miles without accomplishing the object which I was intended. Now if the Treasurer has any authority under the Act of Congress, or any regulation of the Treasury Department to refuse any portion of American Gold or Silver coin of the legal standard it is no more than right that the public should know it so as to prevent any further difficulties of the kind. I will thank you to enquire into the matter when you have time and let me know.

Yours truly
(Signed) Chas W Badman
Cash

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STATEMENT of Deposites and Coinage at the Mint of the United States and Branches in the ~~month of~~ year 1846.

DEPOSITES.

Mints.	Gold.					Silver.				Total.
	U. S. Coins, Old Standard.	Foreign Coins.	U. S. Bullion.	Foreign Bullion.	TOTAL.	Foreign Coins.	Foreign Bullion.	U. S. Bullion.	TOTAL.	Gold and Silver.
	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.
Charlotte, N. C.			196,381		196,381					196,381
Dahlonega, Geo.			455,149		455,149					455,149
New Orleans,	7,735	1,165,033	21,758	13,012	1,207,538	1,201,179	15,257		1,216,436	2,423,974
Philadelphia,	6,181	1,621,420	466,069	176,859	2,270,529	1,305,771	53,493	3,066	1,362,330	3,632,859
	13,916	2,786,453	1,139,357	189,871	4,129,597	2,506,950	68,750	3,066	2,578,766	6,708,363

COINAGE.

Mints.	Gold.				Silver.						Copper.			Total.	
	Eagles.	Half eagles.	Quarter eagles.	Value.	Dollars.	Half dollars.	Quarter dollars.	Dimes.	Half dimes.	Value.	Cents.	Half cents.	Value.	Number.	Value.
	Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Dollars.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Dollars.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Dolls. Cts.	Pieces.	Dolls. Cts.
Charlotte, N. C.		12,995	4,808	76,995										17,803	76,995
Dahlonega, Geo.		80,294	19,303	449,727										99,597	449,727
New Orleans,	87,780	58,000	66,000	1,272,800	59,000	2,304,000				1,211,000				2,568,780	2,483,800
Philadelphia,	20,095	395,942	21,598	2,234,655	110,600	2,210,000	510,000	31,300	27,000	1,347,580	4,120,800		41,208	7,447,335	3,623,443
	101,875	847,231	111,709	4,034,177	169,600	4,514,000	510,000	31,300	27,000	2,558,580	4,120,800		41,208	10,133,515	6,633,965

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tement of the annual amounts of deposites of gold, for coinage, at the mint of the United States and its branches, from mines in the United States.

	Deposited at the United States mint.								Deposited at the branch mints.				Mint and branches.
	Virginia.	North Carolina.	South Carolina	Georgia.	Tennessee.	Alabama.	Various sources.	Total at the U. S. mint.	Branch mint at Charlotte, N. C.	Branch mint at Dahlonega, Ga.	Br'ch mint at New Orleans.	Total at the branch mints.	Total deposites of U. S. gold.
1	–	$5,000	–	–	–	–	–	$5,000	–	–	–	–	$5,000
5	–	17,000	–	–	–	–	–	17,000	–	–	–	–	17,000
5	–	20,000	–	–	–	–	–	20,000	–	–	–	–	20,000
6	–	21,000	–	–	–	–	–	21,000	–	–	–	–	21,000
7	–	21,000	–	–	–	–	–	46,000	–	–	–	–	46,000
8	–	46,000	–	–	–	–	–	140,000	–	–	–	–	140,000
9	$2,500	134,000	$3,500	–	–	–	–	466,000	–	–	–	–	466,000
0	24,000	204,000	26,000	212,000	–	–	–	520,000	–	–	–	–	520,000
1	26,000	294,000	22,000	176,000	$1,000	–	$1,000	678,000	–	–	–	–	678,000
2	34,000	458,000	45,000	140,000	1,000	–	–	868,000	–	–	–	–	868,000
3	104,000	475,000	66,000	216,000	7,000	–	–	898,000	–	–	–	–	898,000
4	62,000	380,000	38,000	415,000	3,000	–	–	698,500	–	–	–	–	698,500
5	60,400	263,500	42,400	319,900	100	–	12,200	467,000	–	–	–	–	467,000
6	62,000	148,100	55,200	201,400	300	–	–	282,000	–	–	–	–	282,000
7	52,100	116,900	29,400	83,600	–	–	200	171,700	$127,000	$135,700	$700	$263,400	435,100
8	55,000	66,000	13,000	36,000	1,500	–	–	138,500	126,836	113,035	6,869	246,740	385,240
9	57,600	53,500	6,300	20,300	300	$500	–	176,766	124,726	121,858	2,835	249,419	426,185
10	38,995	36,804	5,319	91,113	104	4,431	–	248,478	129,847	161,974	1,818	293,639	542,117
11	25,736	76,431	3,440	139,796	1,212	1,863	–	273,587	174,508	323,372	5,630	503,510	777,097
12	42,163	61,629	223	150,276	–	5,579	13,717	180,728	272,064	570,080	22,573	864,717	1,045,445
43	48,148	62,873	5,099	56,619	2,788	4,786	415	295,022	167,348	479,794	25,036	672,178	967,200
44	40,595	194,917	11,856	30,739	2,240	12,298	2,377	489,382	–	498,632	20,313	518,945	1,008,327
45	86,783	365,886	5,386	17,325	3,202	6,472	4,328	466,069	196,387	455,149	21,758	673,288	1,139,357
46	55,538	286,105	100,641	13,601	2,642	7,542	–						
tal	577,558	3,786,645	478,764	2,319,669	26,388	43,471	34,237	7,566,732	1,318,710	2,859,594	107,532	4,285,836	11,852,568

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Statement of the amounts coined annually at the Branch Mints from the commencement of their operations until December 31, 1846.

Mints and Periods		Gold.				Silver.						Total.	
		Eagles.	Half eagles.	Quarter eagles.	Value.	Dollars.	Half dollars.	Quarter dollars.	Dimes.	Half dimes.	Value.	Number.	Value.
		Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Dollars.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Dollars.	Pieces.	Dollars.
Charlotte, N.C.	1838		12,886	7,894	84,165							20,780	84,165
	1839		23,467	18,173	162,767							41,640	162,767
	1840		18,994	12,834	127,055							31,828	127,055
	1841		21,467	10,281	133,038							31,748	133,038
	1842		27,480	8,642	159,005							36,122	159,005
	1843		44,353	26,096	287,005							70,449	287,005
	1844		23,631	11,622	147,210							35,253	147,210
	1845		–	–	–							–	–
	1846		12,995	4,808	76,995							17,803	76,995
	Total		185,273	100,350	1,177,240							285,623	1,177,240
Dahlonega, Ga	1838		20,583	–	102,915							20,583	102,915
	1839		18,939	13,674	128,880							32,613	128,880
	1840		22,896	3,532	123,310							26,428	123,310
	1841		30,495	4,154	162,885							34,649	162,885
	1842		59,608	4,643	309,648							64,251	309,648
	1843		98,452	36,209	582,782							134,661	582,782
	1844		88,982	17,332	488,600							106,314	488,600
	1845		90,629	19,460	501,795							110,089	501,795
	1846		80,294	19,203	449,727							99,597	449,727
	Total		510,878	118,317	2,850,542							629,195	2,850,542
New Orleans	1838	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	402,430	–	40,243	402,430	40,243
	1839	–	–	9,396	23,490	–	116,000	–	1,291,600	1,060,000	240,161	2,476,996	263,650
	1840	–	30,400	26,200	217,500	–	855,100	425,200	1,175,000	985,000	698,100	3,446,900	915,600
	1841	2,500	8,350	7,380	85,200	–	401,000	452,000	2,007,500	815,000	553,000	3,693,730	640,200
	1842	27,400	16,400	15,800	405,500	–	957,000	769,000	2,020,000	350,000	890,250	4,159,600	1,295,750
	1843	175,162	101,075	368,002	3,177,000	–	2,268,000	968,000	150,000	–	1,391,000	4,030,239	4,568,000
	1844	118,700	364,600	–	3,010,000	–	2,005,000	740,000	–	220,000	1,198,580	3,448,300	4,208,580
	1845	47,500	41,000	–	680,000	–	2,094,000	–	230,000	–	1,070,000	2,412,500	1,750,000
	1846	81,780	58,000	66,000	1,272,800	59,000	2,304,000	–	–	–	1,211,000	2,578,780	2,483,800
	Total	453,042	619,825	496,778	8,871,490	59,000	11,000,100	3,354,200	7,276,530	3,380,000	7,294,253	26,649,475	16,165,743
Aggregate		453,042	1,315,976	715,445	12,899,272	59,000	11,000,100	3,354,200	7,276,530	3,380,000	7,294,253	27,564,293	20,193,525

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Coinage of the mint of the United States in the several years from its establishment in 1792, *and including the coinage of the branch mints from the commencement of their operations, in* 1838.

Years.	GOLD.	SILVER.	COPPER.	WHOLE COINAGE.	
	Value.	Value.	Value.	No. of pieces.	Value.
1793 } 1794 } 1795	$71,485 00	$370,683 80	$11,373 00	1,834,420	$453,541 80
1796	192,727 50	79,077 50	10,324 40	1,219,370	192,129 40
1797	103,422 50	12,591 45	9,510 34	1,095,165	125,524 29
1798	205,610 00	330,291 00	9,797 00	1,368,241	545,698 00
1799	213,285 00	423,515 00	9,106 68	1,365,681	645,906 68
1800	317,760 00	224,296 00	29,279 40	3,337,972	571,335 40
1801	422,570 00	74,758 00	13,628 37	1,571,390	510,956 37
1802	423,310 00	58,343 00	34,422 83	3,615,869	516,075 83
1803	258,377 50	87,118 00	25,203 03	2,780,830	370,698 53
1804	258,642 50	100,340 50	12,844 94	2,046,839	371,827 94
1805	170,367 50	149,388 50	13,483 48	2,260,361	333,239 48
1806	324,505 00	471,319 00	5,260 00	1,815,499	801,084 00
1807	437,495 00	597,448 75	9,652 21	2,731,345	1,044,595 96
1808	284,665 00	684,300 00	13,090 00	2,935,888	982,055 00
1809	169,375 00	707,376 00	8,001 53	2,861,834	884,752 53
1810	501,435 00	638,773 50	15,660 00	3,056,418	1,155,868 50
1811	497,905 00	608,340 00	2,495 95	1,649,570	1,108,740 95
1812	290,435 00	814,029 50	10,755 00	2,761,646	1,115,219 50
1813	477,140 00	620,951 50	4,180 00	1,755,331	1,102,271 50
1814	77,270 00	561,687 50	3,578 30	1,833,859	642,535 80
1815	3,175 00	17,308 00	–	69,867	20,483 00
1816	–	28,575 75	28,209 82	2,888,135	56,785 57
1817	–	607,783 50	39,484 00	5,163,967	647,267 50
1818	242,940 00	1,070,454 50	31,670 00	5,537,084	1,345,064 50
1819	258,615 00	1,140,000 00	26,710 00	5,074,723	1,425,325 00
1820	1,319,030 00	501,680 70	44,075 50	6,492,509	1,864,786 20
1821	189,335 00	825,762 45	3,890 00	3,139,249	1,018,977 45
1822	88,980 00	805,806 50	20,723 39	3,813,788	915,509 89
1823	72,425 00	895,550 00	–	2,166,485	967,975 00
1824	93,200 00	1,753,477 00	12,620 00	4,786,894	1,858,297 00
1825	156,385 00	1,564,583 00	14,926 00	5,178,760	1,735,894 00
1826	92,245 00	2,002,090 00	16,344 25	5,774,434	2,110,679 25
1827	131,565 00	2,869,200 00	23,577 32	9,097,845	3,024,342 32
1828	140,145 00	1,575,600 00	25,636 24	6,196,853	1,741,381 24
1829	295,717 50	1,994,578 00	16,580 00	7,674,501	2,306,875 50
1830	643,105 00	2,495,400 00	17,115 00	8,357,191	3,155,620 00
1831	714,270 00	3,175,600 00	33,603 60	11,792,284	3,923,473 60
1832	798,435 00	2,579,000 00	23,620 00	9,128,387	3,401,055 00
1833	978,550 00	2,759,000 00	28,160 00	10,307,790	3,765,710 00
1834	3,954,270 00	3,415,002 00	19,151 00	11,637,643	7,388,423 00
1835	2,186,175 00	3,443,003 00	39,489 00	15,996,342	5,668,667 00
1836	4,135,700 00	3,606,100 00	23,100 00	13,719,333	7,764,900 00
1837	1,148,305 00	2,096,010 00	55,583 00	13,010,721	3,299,898 00
1838	1,809,595 00	2,333,243 00	63,702 00	15,780,311	4,206,540 00
1839	1,355,885 00	2,189,296 00	31,286 61	11,811,594	3,576,467 61
1840	1,675,302 50	1,726,703 00	24,627 00	10,558,240	3,426,632 50
1841	1,091,597 50	1,132,750 00	15,973 67	8,811,968	2,240,321 17
1842	1,834,170 50	2,332,750 00	23,833 90	11,743,153	4,190,754 40
1843	8,108,797 50	3,834,750 00	24,283 20	14,640,582	11,967,830 70
1844	5,428,230.00	2,235,550.00	23,987.52	9,051,834	7,687,767.52
1845	3,756,447.50	1,873,200.00	36,948.04	11,806,196	5,668,595.54
1846	4,034,177.50	2,558,580.00	41,208.00	10,133,575	6,633,965.50
	52,347,543.00	69,052,014.90	1,082,764.52	315,239,606	122,480,322.42

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Jan. 7, 1847.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th inst., and in reply to the inquiry made in it, I have to present the following statement.

The whole balance, in our Bullion Account, to the Credit of the United States is $419,520.69;
Of which there is, in Gold, 131,541.92,
made up as follows:
Of coins available for a draft, 45,055.07,
Of bullion, passing through the Semual processes of Minting, 86,486.85.

This last item, which is less than 4700 ounces of Standard gold, is but a moderate amount to have in the Mint uncoined; so that, without putting a stop to the prompt payment of deposites, and without timely notice from the Department, no draft could be paid in gold exceeding the small sum of $45,000, and even this would embarass us, were large deposites to be made.

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Major Wack informs me that he has, in the Assistant Treasury, about $150,000, in U.S. gold coins.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To
Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Mint of the United States,

Jan. 12th, 1847.

Sir,

The annual assay at the Mint is to be held on the 8th of next month, and I have the honor respectfully to request that you will ask the attention of the President to the appointment of the additional commissioners provided for by the 32d section of the Act. of Jan. 18, 1837.

Very respectfully,

your faithful servant,

R. M. Patterson,

Director.

Pro

Hon. Robert J. Walker,

Secretary of the Treasury.

R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint

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Mint of the United States,
Jan. 20, 1847.

Sir,

I have the honor to send, herewith, a report of the operations of the Mint and its Branches for December.

The monthly report from Charlotte was not received till this morning, and the letter from the Superintendent stated, that corrections were necessary in some of the former reports, which he would communicate to me in the course of three or four days. My annual report is delayed for this information.

I have written to the President this morning to beg that no action may be taken upon the nomination of a Coiner for the New Orleans Mint, until I receive, from the Superintendent, a report in relation to some objections which have been made against Mr. Brooks, whom I had taken the liberty of presenting, as, in my judgment, a suitable person to fill the office rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. Pyler.

The Superintendent of the Charlotte Mint informs me that he was about to send to you a package of assay coins, to be forwarded to me. I regret that he has taken this course, but his mistake is excusable, because when I gave my last instructions on this subject, none were sent to the Charlotte Mint, as it was not then in operation.

Very respectfully, your faithful Servant,

R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To
Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Jan. 21, 1847.

Sir,

On the 20th section of the Act of Aug. 6, 1846, "To provide for the better organization of the Treasury, &c.," it is provided that "every disbursing officer, when the means for his disbursements are furnished to him in gold and silver, shall make his payments in the money so furnished."

We have just had a visit, at the Mint, from Major D. D. Tompkins, Assistant Quarter Master General, and Acting Commissary General, whose purpose was to state that he was about to collect the amount of a draft on the Assistant Treasury at New York, which, as he was informed, would be paid to him principally in foreign gold coins, and he wished to know whether he could have these received at the Mint without a loss upon the Custom House rates for receiving such coins.

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Our answer was that this could be done without loss and probably without delay; but a doubt has arisen as to the rigid construction of the provision quoted above. I presume that its true meaning is that when the means for disbursements are furnished in gold and silver, the payments shall also be made in gold and silver. The spirit of the whole section leads to this interpretation.

The object of the present letter is to know, from you, whether foreign coins, which thus come into the hands of a disbursing officer, may be legally exchanged by him for United States Coins.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

From

R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

Jan. 21/47

—

Whether disbursing officers may exchange foreign coins at the Mint for U. S. coins.

Yes when it can be done without loss. If any gain must be paid over to the Govt

Mint of the United States,

Jan. 26, 1847.

Sir,

In answer to the inquiries made in your letter of yesterday, I have to present the following statements.

The whole sum to the credit of the United States Bullion account at the Mint, is - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - $419,520.69

And it is made up as follows:

In gold coins - - - - -	$93,000.	
silver coins - - - -	161,540	254,540.
In gold bullion	88,130	
silver bullion	76,850	164,980.69
		$419,520.69

The amounts of American gold coins in the Assistant Treasury are as follows:

In the General fund - - - - - - - - - -	$70,000.
drafts outstanding - - - - - - - - -	50,000
Available balance - - -	$20,000
In the Post Office account - - - - - - -	$58,000.
drafts outstanding - - - - - - - - -	7,200.
Available balance - - -	$50,800.

The proportion of gold to silver, in the Mint account, has been increased since the last report, by payments for gold deposites in

Mint of the United States,

Jan. 28th, 1847.

Sir,

I have the honor to send you herewith a copy of my annual report, mailed yesterday to the President. It was delayed for some necessary statements from the Charlotte Mint. You will see that the whole coinage of the year exceeds that of 1845 by nearly a million.

I have received this morning by the hands of your messenger, Mr. Pettit, a roll of assay coins from the Charlotte Mint. This remittance completes the series from all the Mints, for the annual assays to be held on the 8th of February. May I again most respectfully pray that you will ask the attention of the President to the appointment of the additional commissioners to attend on that occasion?

Very respectfully,

your faithful servant,

R. M. Patterson,

Director.

Hon. Robert J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Jan. 27, 1847

Sir,

I have the honor to lay before you the following report of the operations of the Mint and Branch Mints during the past year.

The coinage at the principal Mint amounted to $3,623,443; comprising $2,234,655 in gold, $1,347,580 in silver; and $41,208 in copper coins, and composed of 7,447,335 pieces. The deposites of gold within the year amounted to $2,270,529, and those of silver to $1,362,330.

At the New Orleans Branch Mint, the coinage amounted to $2,483,800; comprising $1,272,800 in gold, and $1,211,000 in silver coins, and composed of 2,578,780 pieces. The deposites for coinage amounted to $1,207,538 in gold, and $1,216,436 in silver.

The Branch Mint at Dahlonega received, during the year, deposites of gold to the value of $455,149, and its coinage amounted to $449,727.50, composed of 80,294 half eagles, and 19,303 quarter eagles.

The rebuilding of the Branch Mint at Charlotte has been completed, and the new machinery made and set up, at a cost short of the estimates presented. The Mint began its operations in October last, and during the three remaining months of the year, the deposites of gold amounted to $196,381, and

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the coinage to $76,995, composed of 12,995 half eagles, and 4,808 quarter-eagles.

The whole coinage for the year, at the four Mints, amounted to $6,633,965; composed of $4,034,177 in gold, $2,558,580 in silver, and $41,208 in copper coins.

Many details relating to the Mint operations of the year and former years are presented in the subjoined tables.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
your faithful servant,
(signed) R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint.

Pro[illegible]
The President of the
United States

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Jan. 29, 1847.

Sir,

Under the terms of your letter of the 22d inst., Maj. Pompkins deposited for coinage at the Mint an amount of gold which he received at New York, in payment of a Treasury draft for $40,000. It was composed of British Sovereigns, and French 20-franc pieces, — principally of the former. The proceeds from this deposite, at the mint, amounted to $40,007.35; the excess, $7.35, being sufficient, as Maj. Pompkins assured me, to pay the expenses of his messenger's journey from Philadelphia to New York and back.

The express lines bring gold from New York here, at 25 cents for $1000; and for large amounts, it is probable that more advantageous terms could be had. It may therefore, I think, be assumed, that foreign gold coins which come into the Assistant Treasury, at New York, and probably, also, at Boston and Baltimore, could be received here, for the government, before used for payments, at a very moderate cost, if any.

Let me, then, call your attention to the following provision in the 3d section of an act of Feb. 9, 1793.

"And be it further enacted &c, That all foreign gold and silver coins, (except Spanish milled dollars and parts of such dollars,) which shall be received in payment for moneys due to the United States, after the said time when the coinage of gold and silver coins shall begin at the Mint of the United States, shall, previously to their being issued in circulation, be coined anew, in conformity to the act, entitled 'An Act establishing a Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States'."

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This law has, I believe, never been put in force, but it has certainly not been repealed; and the present time seems to be a very proper one for carrying it into effect. Large amounts of foreign coins are now introduced into the country; and though they are legal tenders, they do not correspond with our monetary system, are little known to our people, and, as to the gold coins, are legally payable only by weight. They are accordingly unfit for American circulation.

If the expense of transferring the coins cannot be sustained by the Assistant Treasury, under the stringent terms of the act by which it is established, I would suggest that authority be given to the Mint to pay these charges out of its contingent fund.

I have not proposed immediate action in the case of foreign silver coins, because the importation is mainly confined to the dollars of Spanish America, which circulate freely at the same value as our own, and which may be considered as excepted by the terms of the act of 1793, which I have quoted.

Very respectfully,

your faithful servant,

R. M. Patterson,
Director.

Hon. Robert J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury

From
R. M. Patterson.
Director Late Mint,
Philadelphia,
Jan. 29 1847.

Proposing that Spanish coins, which come into the Assistant Treasuries, should be received at the Mint, Spain being issued in circulation.

Give an Act to
Receive the Deposits
of Foreign Gold Coins
& Coin them one
half into Eagles one
half into Half Eagles
& others Subsidiary
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Read & Ref to Com on
Coins
M. H. Mclean Feb 12

Mint of the United States.
Feb. 4, 1847.

Sir,

I have learned, indirectly, that appointments of Commissioners, to attend the annual assay on Monday next, have been made; but I have no information on the subject of a character on which I can feel authorized to act, so as to convey to the gentlemen selected the usual and necessary notice. May I most respectfully ask that you will let me know the names of the Commissioners designated by the President?

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director

To Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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Nick

University New York Feb 3rd 1847

Sir/

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of Feb 1st appointing me to act as a Commissioner with Professors Frazer and Witbeck at the coming Medical Inspection and have the honour to inform you that I shall be present at the time and place designated

Yours respectfully

Jno W Draper

Hon. R. Walker

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Mint of the United States
Feb. 8th, 1847.

The Commissioners appointed under the 32d Section of the Mint Act of Jan. 18, 1837, met, in conformity with the provisions of that act, for the purpose of making the annual trial of the gold and silver coins, reserved at the Mint and its Branches, during the year 1846.

The Director of the Mint read the 32d Section of the Act of Congress of Jan. 18, 1837, "supplementary to the act entitled 'an act establishing a Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States".

The Director of the Mint also presented a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, dated the 5th inst., which was read; and it thereby appeared that Professor Henry Vethake and Professor John F. Frazer, of the University of Pennsylvania, and Professor John W Draper of the University of New York, are specially designated by the President for the purposes set forth in said section.

A majority of the whole number of the Commissioners legally constituted being ascertained to be present, viz. Hon. John K. Kane, Judge of the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania; Thomas M. Pettit, Esq. Attorney of the United States for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania; James Page, Esq. Collector of the Port of Philadelphia, being the Commissioners ex officio; and Professor John W Draper M. D. of the University of New York, Professor Henry Vethake of the University of Pennsylvania, and Professor John F. Frazer of the University of Pennsylvania, being the Commissioners specially designated, — the Commission was declared duly organized; and all

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the officers of the Mint being present, the Chair was taken by the Hon. John K. Kane.

The laws bearing upon the duties of the Commissioners of Assay were then read; namely sections 8, 9, 10, 22, 25, 27 & 28 of the Mint act of Jan. 18, 1837; the act of May 19th 1828; and sect. 4 of the act of March 3d, 1835.

The minutes of the last annual assay were read, and it was resolved that the course then adopted should be pursued on the present occasion.

Count of Reserved Coins.

The gold and silver coins of the Philadelphia Mint, reserved from time to time during the year 1846, for the annual assay, according to the provisions of the 27th Section of the act of Jan. 18, 1837, were taken from the chest in which they had been kept, and were counted, and the number and kind of pieces compared with the registers, and found to correspond in every particular.

Also the gold and silver coins of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, and the gold coins from the Branch Mints at Dahlonega Ga., and Charlotte N.C. transmitted under seal to the Director of the Mint, agreeably to the provisions of the 4th Section of the act of March 3d, 1835, to establish Branches of the Mint of the United States, — were counted, and the number and kind of pieces compared with the registers, and were found to correspond with them in every instance.

Weight of Reserved Coins.

The Commissioners then directed that the several parcels of coins should be weighed, when the following results were obtained

The reserved gold coins of the Philadelphia Mint were of the value of $1232.50 and consequently their legal weight was 66.247 ounces. Their actual weight was found to be Oz. 66.247, so that they were exactly of the standard weight.

The reserved Silver coins of the Philadelphia Mint were of the value of $141.70; and consequently their legal weight was Oz 121.773. Their actual weight was Oz: 121.755; so that they fell short of the standard weight by eighteen thousandths of an ounce.

The reserved gold coins of the New Orleans Mint were of the value of $1255.; and consequently their legal standard weight was Oz: 67.456. Their actual weight was found to be Oz: 67.444; so that they fell short of the standard weight by twelve thousandths of an ounce.

The reserved silver coins of the New Orleans Branch Mint were of the value of $242.50; and consequently their legal standard weight was Oz: 208.398. Their actual weight was found to be Oz 208.346 so that they fell short of the standard weight by fifty two thousandths of an ounce.

The reserved gold coins of the Dahlonega Branch Mint were of the value of $1,010.; and consequently their legal standard weight was Oz: 54.287. Their actual weight was found to be Oz: 54.280; so that they fell short of the standard weight seven thousandths of an ounce.

The reserved gold coins of the Charlotte Branch Mint were of the value of $100.; and consequently their legal standard weight was Oz: 5.375. Their actual weight was found to be Oz: 5.375; so that they were exactly of the standard weight.

It appeared therefore that the deviations from standard weight were in every instance within the limits allowed by law.

Assay of Reserved Coins

The Commissioners then directed that the several parcels of gold and silver coins aforesaid should be assayed; and the same having been done the following results were obtained

The reserved gold coins of the Philadelphia Mint were of the fineness

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of 900 thousandths, and were therefore exactly of the legal standard.

The reserved silver coins of the Philadelphia Mint were of the fineness of 901.3 thousandths, and were therefore one thousandth and three tenths of a thousandth above the legal standard.

The reserved gold coins of the New Orleans Branch Mint were of the fineness of 899.3 thousandths, and were therefore seven tenths of a thousandth below the legal standard.

The reserved silver coins of the New Orleans Branch Mint were of the fineness of 901.1 thousandths; and were therefore one thousandth and one tenth of a thousandth above the legal standard.

The reserved gold coins of the Dahlonega Branch Mint were of the fineness of 899.8 thousandths, and were therefore two tenths of a thousandth below the legal standard.

The reserved gold coins of the Dahlonega Branch Mint were of the fineness of 900.2 thousandths, and were therefore two tenths of a thousandth above the legal standard.

It appeared, therefore, that the deviations from standard fineness were in every instance within the limits allowed by law.

The Commissioners, therefore, approve the gold and silver coins issued at the Mint and its Branches in the year 1846

Examination of the Weights.

The Commissioners, then, in compliance with the provisions

the 3d section of the act of May 19, 1828, proceeded to test the accuracy of the weights ordinarily employed at the Mint, by comparing them with the Series of standard weights kept for the purpose, and the correspondence was found to be in every instance satisfactory.

(signed) I. K. Kane
T. M. Pettit
James Page

Henry Nethake
Isaac Draper
John F. Frazer

R. M. Patterson
Director

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Feb. 9, 1847.

Sir,

I have the honor to send enclosed a copy of the minutes of the proceedings of the Commissioners of the Annual Assay which was held at the Mint yesterday.

You will see that all the commissioners and officers of the Mint were in attendance, and that the results of the assay were entirely satisfactory.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To
Hon. R. J. Walker
Secretary of the Treasury.

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Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Feb. 10, 1847.

Sir,

The Treasurer of the Mint has shown me the letter which he has written to you, of the present date. Allow me the liberty of saying, that I believe the measures, which he proposes for your action, to be, so far as they concern the Mint at large, exceedingly desirable. I particularly dread the introduction into our building of a crowd of pensioners.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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Mint of the United States
Philada Feby 10. 1847

Sir

The semi annual payment of Pensioners is so near at hand, that I am compelled again to call your attention to the necessity of my having an additional Clerk to perform that duty, and to request that I may be allowed a short time to obtain a suitable person before the 4. of March, and to be informed what Salary will be allowed.

If it be possible to remove the Pension Agency from the Mint, it will prevent great inconvenience to the Operations of Doctor Patterson and avoid the Confusion, perhaps greater evil of admitting a promiscuous Crowd to the Mint my district numbering 800 pensioners.

The Pensions were formerly paid at the Bank of Commerce, and I am authorized to say they will make the payments as formerly if requested

If this

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Hon. R. J. Walker
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington

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can be effected much inconvenience will be avoided in the Mint operations, as well as to the Pay money, I should be enabled to perform the other duties of Assistant Treasurer with the Clerk I now have, and I trust the Hon. Secretary of War will not object to the change where the Pension Duty will be so promptly discharged.

I shall esteem it a great favor if Mr Parry, my very efficient Clerk can be placed among those of the higher salaries allowed by the proposed Law. And beg to refer you to the Vice President and to the Hon. C. J. Ingersoll. to whom Mr Parry is favorably known.

I have the honor to be

very respectfully

Your Obt. Servt

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Treasurer and

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Mint of the United States,

Feb. 17, 1847.

Sir,

We are forced to interrupt our system of prompt payments in consequence of the diminution of our government deposite. A number of gold bars, from Paris, were sent to the Mint last Saturday, of which the value exceeds $101,000, and we have now no coins ready for paying it. The delay, however, will be but for a few days. I do not urge an additional deposite of gold, because I know that it may not be in your power to spare it; but I have felt it my duty to present a statement of the case.

Of the government deposite in silver, $75,000 is in dimes, which were coined in June and July 1845. For these coins the demand has ceased almost entirely, and depositors refuse them in payment. Will you give your assent to the recoinage of $50,000 of them into half-dollars? This operation, on which there would

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be no loss, would be a virtual increase, to that extent, in our means of prompt payment.

Very respectfully,

your faithful servant,

R. M. Patterson,

Director

To,

Hon. R. J. Walker,

Secretary of the Treasury.

P.S. I am waiting with anxiety to learn what answers you receive from N. York and Boston as to the amount of foreign gold coins in the Assistant Treasuries in those cities, in order that the necessary arrangements may be made for their conveyance hither, and their recoinage.

Mint of the United States
Philada Feb 20. 1867

Sir

I have this day received a transfer draft from the Treasurer of the United States on the Assistant Treasurer at New York in my favor for One Million of Dollars —

This Draft is in the usual form of drafts in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint, where in all cases the deposites have been made at the Mint and the draft taken up —

As I am without special instructions in this case, I shall await your further direction.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully Your Obt Servt
J Roach
Treasurer and
Asst Treas. U.S.

Hon. R. J. Walker
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington

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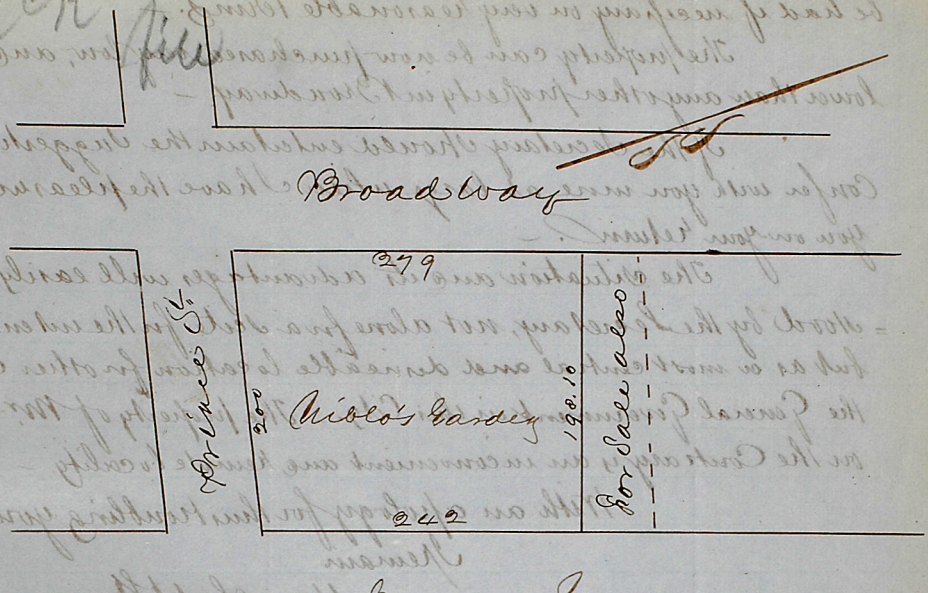

New York 20th February 1847

My dear Sir,

I have presumed to address you a line in relation to the above property, in the hope that you may have an opportunity of submitting the matter to the Secretary of the Treasury, as a Site for the intended U. S. Mint. –

The land in question has been for many years known as "Nibblo's Garden" Containing in front on Broadway about 280 feet – In front on Prince Street 200 feet – in the rear and along Crosby Street 241 feet – and on the northerly boundary about 200 feet.

This location cannot be excelled in the city. – It is one of the most central and public – with three fronts on Streets – and a sufficiency of ground on the North, to have a front there also – so that the Buildings would stand alone, wholly unconnected with other Premises. – About 30 feet more on the North can also

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be had if necessary on very reasonable terms. —

The property can be now purchased very low, and much lower than any other property on Broadway. —

If the Secretary should entertain the suggestion, I will confer with you more at large when I have the pleasure of seeing you on your return. —

The situation and its advantages will easily be understood by the Secretary, not alone for a site for the intended Mint but as a most central and desireable location for other offices of the General Government in this City. — The property of Mr. Crosby* on the Contrary is an inconvenient and remote locality. —

With an apology for thus troubling you. —

I remain

Your Obed.t Sv.t

Wm W Campbell

* which I am informed has already been suggested to the department, is situated at a most inconvenient distance in the Eastern Section of the city, and entirely away from the business part of it

Hon Wm W Campbell

Mint of the United States,

Feb. 22, 1847.

Sir,

Your letter of the 19th was not received till this morning, but the transfer drafts referred to came into our hands on Saturday.

The Treasurer was anxious for instructions as to the conveyance of the gold from Newyork to the Mint. Heretofore the drafts in our favor have always been made payable at the Mint; but we have thought it probable that such was not your intention in the present case, as I had suggested that the expenses of transportation might be paid out of the Mint Contingent Fund. As we had no direct orders on the subject, however, I made a telegraphic communication to you this morning with regard to it. We wish your instructions both as to the drafts in favor of the Bullion account, and of the Assistant Treasury.

I am very glad that you have ordered the coinage

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of eagles. It will save us much time. If no accident occur, we can supply you with $100,000 in gold coins on Thursday next.

Very respectfully,

Your faithful Servant,

R. M. Patterson,

Director.

To

Hon. Robert J. Walker,

Secretary of the Treasury.

P. S.— The time has come for mailing this letter, and I have not yet received a reply to my telegraphic communication, which was sent about three hours ago.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Feb. 23, 1847.

Sir,

The session of Congress is near its close, and I have not seen that any action has yet been taken on the appointment of a Coiner for the Branch Mint at New Orleans, to succeed Mr. Tyler. As this is a subject of great importance, I have taken the liberty of calling your attention to it.

Let me also state that I have not seen any notice that my Annual Mint Report, made in January, has been laid before Congress.

Your letter of yesterday, respecting the transfer drafts on the Assistant Treasury at New York, has been received, and immediate measures will be taken for the safe conveyance of the gold hither.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant
R. M. Patterson
Director

To
Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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N. S. Branch Mint

New Orleans March 2d 1847

Sir,

Permit me again, respectfully, to say, that the accounts of Mr. Maccomb for the quarter ending 31 Dec. last, were forwarded to the Department on the 8th ult. and that we have not yet rec'd. the remittance asked for in my letter of the 7th of January last. We are much in want of it.

Very respectfully

Hon Robt J. Walker

Sec'y of the Treas'y

Washington

D.C.

Your ob. Serv't.

D. Mc Clennes

Supt.

Mint of U. States
Phila. March 1. 1847

Sir

Not having received instructions as to the mode of collecting the draft in my favor on the Off. Treasurer at N. York for One Million of Dollars, I had the honor to address you Feb. 26. for that purpose.

In answer to a telegraphic enquiry of Doctor Patterson it is noted "The Off. Treasurer will collect his draft for 1.000.000 Dollars, and the cost of transportation will be repaid him"

I beg not to be considered as wishing to evade any legal responsibility in this case, but the large amount of this draft compels me to ask for some further instructions.

I have just returned from N. York having under direction of Doctor Patterson made arrangements to collect the Mint drafts, one of which has been received, by agreement with Adams & Co. express Lines, paying 37½ Cents per thousand Dollars to be delivered at their risk at the Mint.

Hon R. J. Walker
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington

Another offer is

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is made by Becker and Brother of N York to transmit any amount of Gold from N York to the Mint at their risk for one tenth of 1 pr Ct. or one Dollar pr thousand — This would be 1.000 Dollars on my draft whereas Adams & Co would be paid 375. Dollars —

If I may be allowed an Opinion on the difference in charge gives the preference to the latter Company

Again I would respectfully suggest that I may be authorized to endorse, and receipt to the Asst Treasurer at New York for the full amount of my draft. and allow him to set it apart in his Vault delivering to the transporting Agent about 100.000 Dollars each day until the whole Amount be received at the Office — I suggest this course of transmission as it seems impracticable for me to attend personally to it the increase of duty in my Office requiring close attention — On the 4. Inst Commences the semi Annual payment of Pension which with only one Clerk must cause some delay in the Office hereafter —

Which ever plan for collecting seems to you most advisable I will thank you to intimate, and authorize me to pay the Cost of transportation out of the public funds in my Charge Such Voucher being required to place on the files of my Office —

I have the honor to be very respectfully
your Obt Servt
J. Roach
Asst Treas U States

The Director of the Mint stated some time since, that he thought an arrangement could be made for the transportation a large amount of Gold from N.Y. to Phila for less than 25 cents for $1000.

P. 106. March 2/67

McKean

Mint of the United States,

March 5th, 1847

Sir,

The amount ($30,000) of the two late Treasury drafts on the Newyork Assistant Treasury, in favor of this Mint, has been received, in parcels of about $10,000 each, on successive days.

They have been brought by Adams & Co's express line, at a charge of 37½ cents for a thousand dollars; amounting, therefore, for the whole sum, to $197.50

This charge is above that which I had stated in my letter of the 29th of January. And, in fact, at that time, the regular charge of transmission was 25 cents per thousand dollars of gold. It has been raised since, for bokers and banks, as well as for us; and the reason given is, that the charge made by the Rail Road Company to the Express lines has been considerably increased.

Were we to employ special messengers, the charge of the Rail Road company would be 37½ cents per thousand for the freight alone.

Supposing five millions to be sent in a year for recoinage, the whole cost of transportation would be $1,875.,

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which is less than the salary of a single officer in a new Mint.

Very respectfully,

your faithful servant,

R. M. Patterson,

Director.

Hon. R. J. Walker,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Mint of the United States,

March 10th, 1847.

Sir,

The package of Assay bars from the Charlotte Branch Mint, referred to in your letter of the 8th, was received yesterday. After instructions which I had given to the Superintendent of that Mint, and which I thought explicit, that these remittances should be sent direct to me, I hoped that you would not have been troubled with this matter again. I shall take care that it be the last time.

Very respectfully,
your faithful servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director

Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, March 16, 1847.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday, making inquiry as to "the amount of gold, and of silver, that can be coined in this Mint in one month".

After consultation with the Officers, I present the following answer.

If the metal deposited for coinage be such as does not require refining, or the separation of combined gold and silver, — if, for example, it be made up of foreign coins; — if the gold is to be coined in the proportion of eagles and half eagles lately indicated by the Department; if the silver is to be coined principally into half dollars or dollars; if the Mint be kept constantly supplied, in advance, with the metal to be coined; — then, with our present force, we can undertake to coin two millions per month of gold, and half a million per month of silver.

Were a large amount of gold deposited with us, that required to be still more rapidly coined, — this could be done, either by the employment of a few more hands, or by engaging the present hands at overwork.

Very respectfully,
your faithful servant
R. M. Patterson,
Director

Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, March 20, 1847.

Sir,

In my answer to your letter of the 15th inst., in which you make inquiry as to the amount of gold and of silver which we could coin at the Mint, in one month, I stated my belief, "that with our present force, we could undertake to coin two millions per month of gold, and half a million of silver." This was an estimate. I have now to report what we have actually done, in two weeks, — from the 8th to the 20th inst.

In the first week the coinage of gold was	$376,100.
In the second, or present, week — — — —	768,000
The whole gold coinage of the weeks	1,144,100

This amount has been actually delivered by the Chief Coiner to the Treasurer.

You will observe that the coinage of the present week is more than double that of the preceding, ~~week~~, and shows that we might probably undertake to coin three millions of gold in a month.

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The coinage of silver in the same period has been inconsiderable, because we had but few deposites, and those small. An average coinage of silver would not have reduced that of gold which I have reported.

All the gold from the New York Assistant Treasury has been safely received.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To
Wm. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, April 1, 1847.

Sir,

I take the liberty of anticipating my monthly report of the operations of the Mint and its Branches, by stating, that, during the month of March, the coinage, at this Mint, amounted to $2,079,311; viz.

In Gold coins —	$1,988,880
Silver — —	88,600
Copper, — —	2,031
	$2,079,311

I have no hesitation in saying, that, if the supply of gold bullion had been constant during the month, the coinage of gold might have reached three millions.

May I suggest that other deposites be sent, from the Assistant Treasury at New York, of foreign coins for recoinage, even if the American coins have to be returned to New York.

Very respectfully, your obed. Sert.
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, April 9, 1847.

Sir,

I have the honor to send enclosed the Official Bond of John Brooks and Sureties, on his assuming the office of Coiner of the Branch Mint at New Orleans. I have signed the certificate, required by law, that "it is to my satisfaction", on the assurance given by the United States District Attorney at New Orleans, as I am not myself acquainted with any of the Sureties.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To
Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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State Bank at Morris Morristown N. J.
10th April 1847

W. Selden Esq.
Treasurer United States

Dear Sir

I forward to be credited to the Bank Wm. L. Bauch assistant Treasurer receipt for ten thousand dollars deposited with him to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States by the State Bank at Morris by W. S. Wood President.

Yours Respectfully,
W. A. Carmichael Cashier

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No 4130 Office of the ASSISTANT TREASURER of the UNITED STATES at New York.

April 9th 1847.

I Certify that the State Bank at Morris N.Y. by W. L. Ward Pres.t

has this day DEPOSITED to the CREDIT of the TREASURER of the United States,

Ten Thousand

Dollars and ——— Cents, ~~on account of~~

for which I have signed duplicate Receipts.

$10,000.00

Ten Thousand Dollars

Wm. L. Bowne
Asst. Tr.

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, April 13, 1847.

Sir,

James Ross Snowden Esq. has this day received from Major Isaac Roach all the funds, books, &c., in his official possession as Treasurer of the Mint.

The receipts are sent to the First Auditor, as are also the accounts, settled up to this day inclusive.

I attended myself to the examination of the funds transferred, so as to be satisfied that they correspond with the receipts given by Mr. Snowden, and with the balances reported on the books.

The balances in the hands of the Treasurer, for the Mint purposes, were as follows:

On the Bullion Account, — —	$ 527,756.99
" the Ordinary Account, —	27,570.64
" the Copper Account, — —	2,802.59
Total — — —	558,130.22.

The balances in the hands of the Treasurer, as Assistant Treasurer of the United States, were as follows:

On the General Fund Account,	336,279.82
" Post Office Account,	76,484.99
" Pension Fund	43,413.37
Internal Fund for Treasury Notes	4,145.03
Total, — —	460,323.21

Entire Amount transferred $ 1,018,453.43.

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It gives me pleasure to state that Major Roach has given every facility to his successor, while resigning the office into his hands.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant
R. M. Patterson,
Director

Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, April 17, 1847.

Sir,

I have the honor to send enclosed a report of the operations of the Mint and Branch Mints for the month of March. The amount of coinage is the largest that has yet been reported for any one month.

Very respectfully,
your faithful servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director

To
Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, April 23, 1847.

Sir,

In compliance with the request communicated to me in your letter of the 21st inst., I have caused $1000 worth of cents to be shipped to the Mint at New Orleans, for the Post Master of that city. The Treasurer of the Mint has drawn on the Post Master for $1021.57, which amount covers the cost of the coins, with insurance, and discount on draft. The expense of transportation is always borne by the Mint.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, May 20, 1847.

Sir,

I have the honor to send enclosed a report of the operations of the Mint and its Branches in the month of April.

Of the coinage of dimes made two years ago, there are still in our vaults $70,000 dollars worth, and the demand for them is rare and to small amount. For half dimes, on the contrary, the demand is considerable. I think it desirable that a part of the dimes should be coined into half dimes, and to this course I see no objection. Will you give me authority to carry it into execution?

Very respectfully

your faithful Servant,

R. M. Patterson,

Director.

Hon. Robert J. Walker,

Secretary of the Treasury

Washington

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Grounds of the estimates of the Mint at Philadelphia for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1847.

Available balance in hands of the Treasurer of the Mint as per Ordinary Leger September 30, 1845.		16,106
Profits on Copper transferred to the ordinary fund since September 30, 1845.		1,935
Profits on Copper to be transferred to the same fund prior to June 30, 1846. estimated.		5,500
Balance to credit of Profit & Loss, June 30, 1846. estimated.		2,500
Appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1845. undrawn and available September 30, 1845.		4,000
Appropriations for the current fiscal year undrawn and available September 30, 1845.		38,400
Total amt. available for the 4th. qr. 1845 & the 1st. & 2d. qrs. 1846.		68,441
Deduct probable expenses during the same time, viz.		
Salaries of Officers and Clerks.	14,400	
Wages of Workmen.	18,000	
Incidental and Contingent Expenses.	15,041	
Specimens of Ores.	300	
Wastage for the whole year 1845.	4,000	51,741
Probable Balance remaining June 30, 1846 available in the following year.		16,700

Over

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This balance will be entirely applicable to the incidental and contingent expenses of the next fiscal year.

The whole expenditure for the current fiscal year may be set down at $70,000. with a coinage of probably three millions, assuming that the expenses of the next fiscal year will be to the same amount we present the following estimate.

Expenses of the fiscal year ending on the 30th. day of June 1847.		70,000.
Deducting therefrom		
1. The Estimated Profits on Copper to June 30 1847.	$ 7,000.	
2. The Estimated Cr. Balance of Profit & Loss.	1,600.	
3. The Estimated Balance June 30. 1846. (per Statement rendered)	$ 16,700.	25,300.
		$ 44,700.

There will remain to be asked the sum of $44,700 to meet the expenses of the Mint at Philadelphia up to the 30th day of June 1847 and which will appear more fully from the Tabular Statement on the next page.

Tabular Statement showing the estimated expenditures the funds available & in prospect for the same and the appropriations needed for the difference for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1847, for the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia

Items of appropriation	From July 1, 1846 to June 30, 1847 inclusive.		
	Total amt. of estimated expenditures	Balance from prior yrs & funds accruing	Appropriations needed for the difference.
Salaries, Officers Clerks.	19,600	—	19,600
Wages of Workmen	24,000	—	24,000
Inc. & Cont. Expenses	26,100	25,300	800
Coins. . .	300	—	300
	70,000	25,300	44,700

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, November 1, 1845.

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Estimate of the Expenses of the Mint of the United States, at Philadelphia, for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1847.

	Dollars	Dollars
For Salaries of Officers and Clerks, viz.		
The Director	3,500	
Treasurer	2,000	
Chief Coiner	2,000	
Assayer	2,000	
Melter and Refiner	2,000	
Engraver	2,000	
Assistant Assayer	1,300	
Four Clerks at $1200 each	4,800	
		19,600
For wages of workmen		24,000
For incidental and Contingent Expenses, including fuel, materials, stationery, water rent, repairs and wastage. In addition to available funds on hand		800
For specimens of Ores and Coins to be reserved at the Mint		300
Total amount required		44,700

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, July 15, 1847.

Sir,

I have the honor to send enclosed my monthly report of the operations of the Mint and its Branches for June.

I take this opportunity of stating, that, during the half-year which has just closed, the amount of deposites at the Mints has been $8,907,554, and that of Coinage $8,216,223. This Coinage exceeds that of any whole year heretofore, except the year 1843, when it reached to $11,967,831.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To
Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, July 15, 1847.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday, enclosing copies of a correspondence between the Superintendent and Coiner of the Branch Mint, New Orleans, in relation to the residences of their respective families in the mint building. You ask my opinion on the matters in controversy, and they shall have my careful and impartial attention. My report may, however, be for some time delayed, as it may be necessary for me to have correspondence with the parties in question.

The "Colored Sketch" referred to in your letter, as not having accompanied the correspondence, is in my possession.

Very respectfully,

your faithful Servant,

R. M. Patterson,

Director.

Hon. R. J. Walker,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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Mint of the United States,

Sir, Philadelphia, July 22, 1847.

In consequence of the absence of the Director of the Mint, who left the city this morning for a few days, to meet a party returning from the marriage of his eldest son, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st. inst. stating that a draft had been drawn upon the bullion fund of the Mint for $600,000 payable at New York on or before the 5th proximo; and further that a draft for $600,000 to replace that amount had been drawn upon the Assistant Treasurer, New York, payable on the 7th prox.o in foreign gold.

The draft upon this Mint will be paid as you desire, but we shall not be able to do this without considerable difficulty and perhaps some hardship to our other depositors, as will appear from the following statement.

The amount to the credit of the bullion account at this date, in gold, is ——— $643,322.86

The deposits of gold to the credit of the Assist. Treas.r Philadelphia are 239,738.57

carried on 883,061.43

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Brought over $883,061.43

The deposites to the credit of
private individuals are - - - - 100,711.12

$983,772.55

The amounts payable from the
above are -

To St. N. Ass. Treas. Newyk $600,000.
Ass. Treas. Phil. 239,738.57
Private individuals 100,711.12 940,449.69

$ 43,322.86

I am informed by the operative officers of the mint, that this margin to our credit is so small as to present great difficulties in the rapid manufactury into coins of the bullion on hand; and it may be necessary, in consequence, to suspend for a time payments to our private depositors. If we could be assured that the amount due to the Assistant Treasury here, or any large portion of it, would be uncalled

for till it could be 117 replaced from the proceeds of the billion to be transferred to us from Newyork, or if we could be authorized at once to draw from Newyork a portion of that billion, we would experience no difficulty. Under any circumstances, however, I think the Department may be assured that the draft upon us will be paid in the time and manner desired.

Very respectfully
your faithful Servant
Robert Patterson
Director's Clerk

Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington.

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Aug. 13, 1847.

Sir,

I have the honor to send enclosed a report of the operations of the Mint and Branch Mints for the month of July.

The coinage, which amounts to $3,543,945, exceeds that in any one previous month, since the establishment of the Mints.

The deposites for coinage during the seven months of the present year amount to $12,502,213, and exceed, by more than 671 thousand dollars, those of any previous entire year.

The coinage of the present year, up the end of July, was $11,750,168. If to this be added the coinage, during the present month, at the Philadelphia Mint alone, the amount will exceed, by more than $700 thousand dollars, that of any previous entire year.

Very respectfully, your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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Mint of the United States

Philadelphia, Aug. 31/1847

Sir,

On the 14th of July, you sent me copies of a correspondence between the Superintendent and Coiner of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, in relation to certain accommodations in the building for their respective families, and you asked for my opinion on the matters in controversy.

My answer has been delayed, first by my desire for further information, and secondly because I wished to avoid troubling you, during your absence from Washington, with a personal matter like this, which was not pressing.

An inspection of the drawings which I send herewith, and particularly of that marked No. 1, will enable you to understand very readily the Question which has been referred to your decision.

The Superintendent's Rooms are marked yellow; the Coiner's red.

In the upper gallery there is a room marked B,

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which has been heretofore used by the Coiner's family, and, as I understand, at present only as a bath-Room. The same gallery also leads from the upper story of the Coiners house to the Machine Shops A. Now, to reach the room B, - or at least to do so conveniently by the Coiners family, - they must pass along the gallery in the face of the sleeping rooms appropriated to the family of the Superintendent. This was considered by Mr. Kennedy as an invasion of the privacy of his wife and children, and, in a letter of the 14th of June, - marked private, - he expressed to Mr. Brooks, in very courteous terms, "his wish that the communication should be closed."

To this letter Mr. Brooks made answer on the 16th, and objected to the closing of the passage way, principally on the ground of the inconvenience it would subject him to, in visiting the machine shops from his house, and stated "that he could not voluntarily accede to a proposal to deprive him of a right of way so long enjoyed by him and his predecessors, since the commencement of the Mint operations."

On the 18th Mr. Kennedy replied to Mr. Brooks, in an official letter which contains the following paragraph.

"I now, as the Superintendent of this Mint, appropriate each of the three passage ways adjoining the rear of the three stories constituting the dwelling of that officer, to his especial and exclusive use; leaving in your possession, until such time as I may require it myself, the room occupied by you" [that marked B.) "up to the time of your appointment, and giving you, as another act of courtesy, if it be an accommodation, ingress to your department through the passage way of the first or basement story of my residence".

Against this decision Mr. Brooks protested, for reasons which are given in his letter of the 19th.

Finally, the question was referred to your decision; and Mr. Kennedy's views of the case were presented to you in his letter of the of July last.

In compliance with your instructions, I have given to this question my careful attention, and I now present to you with great brevity, the conclusions to which I have been led.

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I think that the wish expressed by Mr. Kennedy, in his first letter to Mr. Brooks, that the communication between the Coiner's house and the upper Gallery in the Rear of his own, should be closed, is founded on good and sufficient Reasons, and ought to be complied with. I cannot consider the communication along this Gallery from the upper story of the Coiner's house to the workshop of great importance to him in the performance of his public duties; since from his Office he can reach all the rooms of which he has charge by passing through the body of the Mint.

A ready access ~~from his house~~ for the Coiner, from his house to his Office seems to be desirable; and I cannot think that his retaining the right of way along the middle Gallery, would be a just source of annoyance to Mr. Kennedy's family.

I would, therefore, respectfully suggest to you the propriety of complying with the desire of Mr. Kennedy, as regards the upper Gallery, and as expressed in his first

letter to Mr. Brooks; and that you decide that the Comm's right of way to his office, along the middle gallery, should remain as heretofore.

Very respectfully

Your faithful servant

P. M. Pattenson,

Director.

Hon. R. J. Walker,

Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington.

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From
R. M. Patterson,
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia.
Aug. 31, 1847.

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Respecting the use of certain galleries, at the New Orleans Mint, by the Superintendent and Coiner.

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instruct the Supt agreeably to the suggestions

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Aug. 31, 1847.

Sir,

The drafts recently made upon the Mint reduce our government deposits to $461,728.05; composed of
248,234, in gold, and
213,494.05, in silver.

For the very large operations which we have been called upon to perform, this is not a sufficient capital to secure prompt payments, or to enable us to have drafts at sight from the government.

I have made this statement in the hope that it may be in your power, at an early day, to restore our public deposits to its former amount.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

From Dir. Patterson

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Mint of the United States
Philadelphia, Oct. 30, 1847.

Sir,

The dies prepared for the Branch Mints have always, heretofore, been sent to them by mail; and as they are charged letter postage the expense to the New Orleans Mint is very considerable. We have now ready, for transportation to that Mint, 54 pairs of dies, on which the postage, according to a careful estimate which I have made, would amount to $391.

It would be a more economical, and probably a more secure course, to employ a special messenger to take charge of this conveyance; and the foreman of the machine-shop of this Mint, Mr. George Eckfeldt, has offered to undertake this duty, for the mere expenses of his journey, which, it is believed, would not exceed $120, — to be paid by the Branch Mint.

I now respectfully ask your consent to this measure.

Your very faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director

Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Nov. 2, 1847.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday; and your request as to a comparative statement of the coinage of the Mint and Branches for the years ending the 30th of November 1846 & 47, shall be promptly attended to.

We have not received any deposites, for re-coinage, from the Assistant Treasurer at New York, under the instructions which you sent to him on the 24th of September last. When Mr. McKean, of your department, was last here, he told me that Governor Bouck objected to send the coins to us, on the ground that he could not lawfully do so except on Treasury drafts from the Department. I presumed that on your return to Washington, this difficulty would be removed, and that we should receive deposites from the Assistant Treasury of New York, as we have from those at Boston and Baltimore.

I have not written to Governor Bouck on the subject of the manner in which the transportation under the arrangement was to be made"; because I knew him to be well aware of the course which had been pursued as to the transmission of coins; and no difficulty occurred, on this point, with the Assistant Treasurer at Boston, or the Receiver at Baltimore. If, however, in not writing to Governor Bouck I have been wrong, the error shall be corrected this day.

Very respectfully
Your faithful servant
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

P/

Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Nov. 12, 1847.

Sir,

In a letter of the 30th ult., I had the honor of calling your attention to the subject of the transmission of dies to the Mint at New Orleans. I stated that we had prepared 54 pairs of dies, the postage on which, if sent by mail, might be fairly estimated at $390. I suggested as a more economical and secure mode, the propriety of sending the dies by a special messenger, and I stated that one of our principal hands here, worthy of all trust, was willing to undertake the charge of the dies, for the mere expenses of the journey, which, it is believed, would not exceed $120. I then respectfully asked your consent to this measure, and I beg leave now to renew this request, as all is in readiness, and the season favorable for travelling.

Very respectfully, your obd. servt.
R. M. Patterson,
Director

Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Nov. 12, 1847.

Sir,

I think it proper for me to report to you that the important measure of receiving the foreign gold received at the Assistant Treasuries at New York and Boston, is now in very satisfactory operation. We have received, this month, from New York, $1,250,000
from Boston 300,000
from Baltimore 21,686.48
In all 1,571,686.48

The balance remains of the two millions from New York will be received in daily remittances of $250,000 each. The coinage is going on with great activity; though we have, as yet, been able to repay but $675,000.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Mint
R. M. Patterson
Director Rec'd. Nov. 13th

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Nov. 15, 1847.

Sir,

I have the honor to send inclosed a report of the operations of the Mint and its Branches during the month of October. You will observe that the deposites, particularly at New-Orleans, are very small. The deposites at this Mint, during the two weeks transpired of the present month, amount to $2,071,000, and of the Treasury transfer drafts on New-York, $500,000 are yet to be received.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To
Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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Mint of the United States
Dec. 1, 1847.

Sir,

I shall, tomorrow, transmit to you a detailed report of the operations of this Mint for the years ending 30 November 1846-47, and as soon as I receive the statements from the Branch Mints, I shall present a report including the operations of the whole Mint establishment in those periods. In the meanwhile, I have the honor to state, that during the last month the deposites in this Mint have been

in gold —	$2,759,021.75
silver	14,150.84
Total	$2,773,172.59

And the coinage has been

in gold	$2,666,000
silver	33,000
copper	2,763.80
Total	$2,701,763.80

Of the gold there was received, in foreign coins
From the Assistant Treasury at New York $2,100,000.
" Boston 400,000
Baltimore 70,834.
Total $2,570,834.

All of which has been recoined, and returned to the depositories in American Coins

The amounts of foreign gold coins received from the assistant Treasuries, since the 1st of March last

may

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may be stated as follows:

From Newyork	$6,230,000.
Boston	1,150,000
Baltimore	123,000.
Total	$7,503,000

In the transportation of the Coins to the Mint, and back to the Assistant Treasuries, no loss, delay, or difficulty of any kind has occurred.

Very respectfully
your faithful servant
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To
Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Dec. 2, 1847.

Sir,

I have the honor to send herewith three Statements of the operations of this Mint, viz.

A. Of the deposits and coinage during the year ending Nov. 30, 1846.

B. Of the deposits and coinage during the year ending Nov. 30, 1847.

C. Comparative Statement of the two years.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To
Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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STATEMENT of Deposites and Coinage at the Mint of the United States and Branches in the year ending Nov. 30th 1846.

DEPOSITES.

Mints.	Gold.					Silver.				Total.
	U. S. Coins, Old Standard.	Foreign Coins.	U. S. Bullion.	Foreign Bullion.	TOTAL.	Foreign Coins.	Foreign Bullion.	U. S. Bullion.	TOTAL.	Gold and Silver.
	Dollars.	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*
Charlotte, N. C.			186,332		186,332					186,332.
Dahlonega, Geo.			467,522		467,522					467,522
New Orleans,	8,162	1,004,486	23,647	13,106	1,049,402	1,199,145	14,974		1,214,119	2,263,521
Philadelphia,	5,001	1,518,970	483,024	165,712	2,172,707	1,394,566	54,871	3,249	1,452,686	3,625,393
	13,163	2,523,456	1,160,525	178,818	3,875,963	2,593,711	69,845	3,249	2,666,805	6,542,768

COINAGE.

Mints.	Gold.				Silver.						Copper.			Total.	
	Eagles.	Half eagles.	Quarter eagles.	Value.	Dollars.	Half dollars.	Quarter dollars.	Dimes.	Half dimes.	Value.	Cents.	Half cents.	Value.	Number.	Value.
	Pieces.	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Dollars.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Dollars.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Dolls. Cts.*	*Pieces.*	*Dolls. Cts.*
Charlotte, N. C.		4,543		22,715										4,543	22,715
Dahlonega, Geo.		85,418	17,783	516,005										103,201	516,005
New Orleans,	65,500	57,000	66,000	1,105,000	59,000	2,224,000				1,171,000				2,471,500	2,276,000
Philadelphia,	20,095	404,849	16,432	2,266,275	110,600	2,398,000	486,000	80,000	34,000	1,440,800	4,157,420		41,574	7,707,396	3,748,649
	85,595	551,810	100,215	3,909,995	169,600	4,622,000	486,000	80,000	34,000	2,611,800	4,157,420		41,574	10,286,640	6,563,369

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STATEMENT of Deposites and Coinage at the Mint of the United States during the year ending 30th November, 1846.

DEPOSITES.

Mints.	Gold.					Silver.				Total.
	U. S. Coins, Old Standard.	Foreign Coins.	U. S. Bullion.	Foreign Bullion.	TOTAL.	Foreign Coins.	Foreign Bullion.	U. S. Bullion.	TOTAL.	Gold and Silver.
	Dollars.	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*
~~*Charlotte, N. C.*~~										
~~*Dahlonega, Geo.*~~										
~~*New Orleans,*~~										
~~*Philadelphia,*~~										
	5,001	1,518,970	483,024	165,712	2,172,707	1,394,566	54,871	3,249	1,452,686	3,625,393

COINAGE.

Mints.	Gold.				Silver.						Copper.			Total.	
	Eagles.	Half eagles.	Quarter eagles.	Value.	Dollars.	Half dollars.	Quarter dollars.	Dimes.	Half dimes.	Value.	Cents.	Half cents.	Value.	Number.	Value.
	Pieces.	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Dollars.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Dollars.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Dolls. Cts.*	*Pieces.*	*Dolls. Cts.*
~~*Charlotte, N. C.*~~															
~~*Dahlonega, Geo.*~~															
~~*New Orleans,*~~															
~~*Philadelphia,*~~															
	20,095	404,849	16,432	2,266,275	110,600	2,398,000	486,000	80,000	34,000	1,440,850	4,137,420		41,574.	7,707,396	3,748,649

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STATEMENT of Deposites and Coinage at the Mint of the United States during the year ending 30th November, 1847.

DEPOSITES.

Mints.	Gold.					Silver.				Total.
	U. S. Coins, Old Standard.	Foreign Coins.	U. S. Bullion.	Foreign Bullion.	TOTAL.	Foreign Coins.	Foreign Bullion.	U. S. Bullion.	TOTAL.	Gold and Silver.
	Dollars.	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*
~~Charlotte, N. C.~~										
~~Dahlonega, Geo.~~										
~~New Orleans,~~										
~~Philadelphia,~~										
	36,804	12,351,869	199,375	290,111	12,878,159	750,209	183,825	6,389	940,423	13,818,582

COINAGE.

Mints.	Gold.				Silver.						Copper.			Total.	
	Eagles.	Half eagles.	Quarter eagles.	Value.	Dollars.	Half dollars.	Quarter dollars.	Dimes.	Half dimes.	Value.	Cents.	Half cents.	Value.	Number.	Value.
	Pieces.	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Dollars.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Dollars.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Dolls. Cts.*	*Pieces.*	*Dolls. Cts.*
~~Charlotte, N. C.~~															
~~Dahlonega, Geo.~~															
~~New Orleans,~~															
~~Philadelphia,~~															
	804,436	859,037	25,046	12,402,360	118,200	1,072,000	834,000	93,800	1,244,000	934,330	4,914,587		49.146	9,965,176	13,385,836

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STATEMENT of Deposites and Coinage at the Mint of the United States and Branches in the year ending Nov. 30th 1847.

DEPOSITES.

Mints.	Gold.					Silver.				Total.
	U. S. Coins, Old Standard.	Foreign Coins.	U. S. Bullion.	Foreign Bullion.	TOTAL.	Foreign Coins.	Foreign Bullion.	U. S. Bullion.	TOTAL.	Gold and Silver.
	Dollars.	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*
Charlotte, N. C.			345,676.		345,676.					345,676.
Dahlonega, Geo.			355,198		355,198					355,198
New Orleans,	9,500.	5,982,625	10,069	12,291	6,014,485	1,320,173	80,466		1,400,639	7,415,124
Philadelphia,	36,804.	12,351,869	199,375	290,111.	12,878,159.	750,209	183,825	6,389	940,423	13,818,582
	46,304	18,334,494	910,318	302,402	19,593,518	2,070,382	264,291	6,389	2,341,062	21,934,480

COINAGE.

Mints.	Gold.				Silver.						Copper.			Total.	
	Eagles.	Half eagles.	Quarter eagles.	Value.	Dollars.	Half dollars.	Quarter dollars.	Dimes.	Half dimes.	Value.	Cents.	Half cents.	Value.	Number.	Value.
	Pieces.	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Dollars.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Dollars.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Dolls. Cts.*	*Pieces.*	*Dolls. Cts.*
Charlotte, N. C.		80,700	28,034	473,585										108,734	473,585
Dahlonega, Geo.		64,009	15,270	358,220										79,279	358,220
New Orleans,	542,780	17,000	124,000	5,822,800		2,824,000	368,000			1,504,000				3,875,780	7,326,800
Philadelphia,	804,456	859,037	25,046	12,402,360	118,250	1,072,000	834,000	93,800	1,244,000	934,330	4,914,587		49,146	9,965,176	13,385,836
	1,347,236	1,020,746	192,350	19,056,965	118,250	3,896,000	1,202,000	93,800	1,244,000	2,438,330	4,914,587		49,146	14,028,969	21,544,441

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Statement of the Coinage at the Branch Mint of the United States, New Orleans, from the 28th. to the 30th. of November 1847, inclusive.

Denomination	Number of pieces	Value		Total value	
		Dollars	cts	Dollars	cts
Gold,					
Eagles	2.000	20.000	00		
Quarter Eagles	36.000	90.000	00		
				110.000	00
Total value of Coinage				110.000	00

Branch Mint of the United States,
New Orleans, 30th. November 1847.

D. M. Reeves
Supt.

Statement of Deposits and Coi

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Statement of the Deposites and Coinage at the Mint and Branch Mints, during the years ending 30 November 1846 & 1847

Deposites

	For the year ending 30th Nov.r 1846	For the year ending 30th Nov.r 1847	Increase in the year ending 30 Nov.r 1847	Decrease in the year ending 30 Nov.r 1847
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Gold	3,875,963	19,593,578	15,717,555	
Silver	2,666,805	2,341,062		325,743
Total	6,542,768	21,934,480	15,717,555	325,743
Actual increase of Deposites, in the year ending 30 Nov.r 1847				15,391,812

Coinage

	For the year ending 30th Nov.r 1846	For the year ending 30th Nov.r 1847	Increase in the year ending 30 Nov.r 1847	decrease in the year ending 30 Nov.r 1847
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Gold	3,909,995	19,056,965	15,146,970	
Silver	2,611,800	2,438,330		173,470
Copper	41,574	49,146	7,572	
Total	6,563,369	21,544,441	15,154,542	173,470
Actual increase of Coinage in the year ending 30 Nov.r 1847				14,981,072

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Comparative Statement of deposites

Statement of the Deposites and Coinage at the Mint of the United States, during the years ending 30th November 1846 and 1847.

Deposites

	For the year ending 30th Nov. 1846	For the year ending 30th Nov. 1847	Increase in the year ending 30 Nov. 1847	Decrease in the year ending 30 Nov. 1847
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Gold	2,172,707	12,878,159	10,705,452	
Silver	1,452,686	940,423		512,263
Total	3,625,393	13,818,582	10,705,452	512,263
Actual increase of deposites in the year ending 30 November 1847				10,193,189

Coinage

	For the year ending 30th Nov. 1846	For the year ending 30th Nov. 1847	Increase in the year ending 30 Nov. 1847	Decrease in the year ending 30th Nov. 1847
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Gold	2,266,275	12,402,360	10,136,085	
Silver	1,440,800	934,330		506,470
Copper	41,574	49,146	7,572	
Total	3,748,649	13,385,836	10,143,657	506,470
Actual increase of Coinage in the year ending 30 November 1847				9,637,187

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January 5. 1848.
Ordinary Funds.

Eagles —		$4,180.—
½ eagles —	2,500.—	
½ dollars —	170.—	
½ dime in Coast	31.50	
Cents —	—.05	
	—.09	
		$6,881.64

Dr. The United States. Cr

1847 Dec. 31.	To Sundry Accts.		1847 Sept. 30. By Balance to this day	$26,655.86
	Wages of Laborers	5,723.02		
	Salaries of Officers & Clerks	4,800.—	Dec. — Sundry Accts	19,786.27
	Inc. & Cont. Exps.	5,799.16		
		16,322.18		
	" " Balance	30,119.95		46,442.13
		46,442.13		

1847. Dec. 31. To Balance as above $30,119.95
1848 Jany 5. Cash [illegible]

$23,238.31

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Mint of the United States.
Treasurer's Office, Phila. Dec. 8. 1847.

Dear Sir,

I have to transmit herewith, an account of the Profit on the Coinage of Foreign Gold Coins, and the expenses of transportation of Foreign and U. S. Gold Coins, pursuant to your direction of Sept. 23. 1847 —

Will you be so good as to issue your Warrant in my favor, for $1055.80 the Balance due the ordinary fund of the Mint, from the United States.

Very respectfully,
Your most obed. Svt.

James Ross Snowden
Treas. &c.

To Honorable
Robert J. Walker
Secretary of the Treasury
of the U. S.

× Sent to McKean

Dr. The United States, in Account with James Ross Snowden, Treasurer of the Mint, his Account of the Profits on the Recoinage of Foreign Gold Coin, and Expenses in the transportation of Foreign and United States Gold Coin, in pursuance of the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury of the U. S. Ci.

1847			Dol.	Cents	1847			Dollars	Cents
	b	To Amount paid for freight of $900,000, in Foreign Gold Coin, from New York to Phila. at ⅜ per cent per $1000,	$337	50	Dec	1.	By Profit on the Recoinage of $900,000 in Foreign Gold Coin, received from New York	158	80
	"	Amount paid for freight of $53,093.39 in Foreign Gold Coin from Baltimore to Phila. at ⅜ per cent per $1000,	19	98		"	Profit on the Recoinage of $53,093.39 in Foreign Gold Coin received from Baltimore	13	83
	"	Amount paid for freight of $3,043.39 in United States Gold Coin from Phila. to Baltimore at ⅜ per cent per $1000, as per Voucher marked A	1	96		"	8	Profit on the Recoinage of $400,000 in Foreign Gold Coin received from Boston	111	84
	"		370	84		"		Profit on the Recoinage of $ 3,100,000 in Foreign Gold Coin received from New York	548	30
Dec	8	Amount paid for freight of $400,000, in Foreign Gold Coin from Boston to Phila. at ⅜ per cent per $1000.	143	80		"	"	Profit on the Recoinage of $70,838.46 in Foreign Gold Coin received from Baltimore	19	11
	"	Amount paid for freight of $700,000 in U. S. Gold Coin from Phila. to Boston at ⅜ per cent per $1000,	131	80		"	"	One half of the expenses of transportation of the Gold Coin, beyond the Profit, in their Recoinage charged to the Admin. fund of the Mint	1,055	80
	"	Amount paid for freight of $ 1,100,000 in Foreign Gold Coin from Newport to Phila. at ⅜ per cent per $1000	487	80		"	"	Balance due from the U. S. being the one half of the expenses of the transportation of the Gold, beyond the Profit, in their Recoinage	1,055	80
	"	Amount paid for freight of $2,000,000 in U. S. Gold Coin from Phila. to New York at ⅜ per cent per $1000	750	00					
	"	Amount paid for freight of $70,838.46 in Foreign Gold Coin from Baltimore to Phila. at ⅜ per cent per $1000	26	13					
	"	Amount paid for freight of $70,838.46 in U. S. Gold Coin from Phila. to Baltimore at ⅜ per cent per $1000	26.46	2,156	11				
		As per Voucher marked B		2,838	81			2,838	81

Mint of the United States, Treasurer's Office, Dec. 8. 1847

James Ross Snowden Treas
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Philadelphia Decr 8th 1847

The United States Mint

To Adams & Co

			$
To Freight on $700,000. in Foreign Gold Coin from Boston to Phila. delivered 21st & 28th of October 2d 5th 11th & 17th of November & 2d of December in Amts of $100,000 each @ 62½ pr $1000			437.50
" " on $700,000. American Gold Coin returned as above to H. Hubbard Asst Treas Boston @ 62½ pr $1000			437.50
" " on $2,100,000. Foreign Gold Coin from New York to Phila. delivered in Month of November @ 37½ pr $1000			787.50
" " on $2,000,000 American Gold Coin returned as above to W. C. Bond Asst Treas New York @ 37½ pr $1000			750.00
" " on $70,833.66 Foreign Gold Coin from Baltimore to Phila. delivered as follows. Nov 11th $21,686.41 Nov 19th $21,603.95 Nov 23d $24,544.20 @ 31¼ pr $1000			22.13
" " on $70,833.66 American Gold Coin returned as above to W. W. Marriott Asst Treas Baltimore @ 31¼ pr $1000			22.14
			$2456.77

Received Payment Dec 8th/47

Adams & Co

Philadelphia Oct 1st 1847

The U. S. Mint

To Adams & Co Dr

For Freight of Nine Hundred Thousand Dolls
in Foreign Gold Coin from New York
to Phila. @ 37½ cts per $1000 $337.50

" Freight of Fifty Two Thousand Nine
Hundred & Six Dolls in Foreign Gold Coin
from Baltimore to Phila @ 31½ cts per $1000. 16.28

" Freight of Fifty Two Thousand, Forty
Three 38/100 Dolls in American Gold
Coin from Phila. to Baltimore @ 31½ cts per $1000 16.26

370.04

Received Pay't

Adams & Co

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Dec. 10, 1847.

Sir,

Having received to-day the report of the New Orleans Mint, I am able to send you the usual statement of the operations of the Mint and Branches for the month of November.

I also send, as I had promised, a statement of the operations of the Mints, for the years ending November 30th, 1846 and 1847. This I do for your own information, as I am aware that it comes too late to find a place among the documents of your annual report.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To
Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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Mint of the United States.
Treasurer's Office, Philad.a Dec.r 11. 1844

My Dear Sir,

I have the honr to acknowledge the receipt of your Communication of the 10th inst. and the enclosed order on the Collector of the Customs at Philadelphia for $1,055.85 to cover one half of the expense of the transportation of foreign Coins to the Mint for recoinage, as per bill of 5th inst. and which order has been paid this day.

Very respectfully
Your most Obed.t Servt.

James Ross Snowden
Treas.r

To
The Hon.ble Robert J. Walker
Secretary of the Treasury U.S.

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Dec. 30, 1847.

Sir,

In a letter from the Department, of the 18th inst., I was informed that the Treasurer of the United States had been instructed to issue transfer drafts to the amount of $500,000, in foreign gold coins, on the Assistant Treasurer in New York, in favor of the Assistant Treasurer here; the same to be returned in American gold coins.

The drafts were duly received, and were placed in the hands of Adams & Co., to be presented to Gov. Bronck, with a request that the whole amount should be sent to us at once, if possible, in order that the gold might be coined before the close of the year. Under this arrangement $375,000 was sent; but the remaining draft for $125,000 could not be paid, because, as we are informed

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by Gov. Bouck, he had not sufficient foreign gold to make up the amount. By a letter dated yesterday, we are informed by him that he has transmitted $92,922.71, "being all the foreign coin on hand." — This deposite is received while I am writing, and the return draft is endorsed, by Gov. Bouck, for the above amount, which will be sent to him to-day, and will, as it seems, close the transactions.

The delay will diminish, somewhat, the annual report of coinage; but still it will exceed fourteen millions.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To
Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Jan. 5, 1848.

Sir,

It is with deep regret and mortification that I find myself obliged to report to you the occurrence of a fraud upon the Mint, committed by one of the Clerks, Mr. Randall Hutchinson.

In the arrangement of the duties of the Treasurer's Clerks, Mr. Hutchinson had charge of the business of the Contingent Fund, and the moneys belonging to this fund were put under his especial charge, and kept, in the Treasurer's Vault, in a separate closet, of which Mr. Hutchinson kept the key.

At the close of every month, the Treasurer examined the moneys in this clerk's hands, and compared the amount with the balance which, according to the accounts, he ought to have. This was done on the 30th of November last, and the amount was found correct.

The Treasurer's accounts were made out, for the

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Department, at the close of the year, and it was expected that they would be sent on the 1st inst. Their transmission, however, was delayed in consequence of the absence of Mr. Hutchinson, who, as we were told, had gone to the country. As this was new-years day we were not surprised, and certainly not alarmed, by his having taken this relaxation.

On Monday he still did not come to the Mint; but we were informed that he had gone to Newyork. Still, so assiduous and regular had he always been in the discharge of his duties, — so respectable was he personally and in his connections, — that no doubts were excited in our minds against him.

This morning, his son, who had been to Newyork on business, called upon me, and informed me that he had seen his father there, and that he acknowledged that he had used the moneys entrusted to him at the Mint, ~~and could not replace them~~. The son was much agonized in making this communication. He was questioned as to the course which

his father took, on leaving 15/ Newyork, but he could not tell.

Mr. Hutchinson had sent his keys by his son, and we made an examination into the moneys in his closet. They amounted to $6,881.64 The balance that ought to have been in this fund was $30,119.95; so that the deficit amounts to the large sum of $23,238.31

Mr. Hutchinson came to the Mint on the 22d of June 1840. He was named to me by Gov. Findlay, who was then the Treasurer, and was strongly recommended by Mr. Dallas, who is well acquainted with him and his family. On entering upon his duties, he gave bond in the amount of $5000, and his sureties were, his brother I. Pemberton Hutchinson and John Moss, jr.

I have sent to Mr. Pemberton Hutchinson, begging that he would call upon me without delay. He is highly respectable and very wealthy. We have also sent to the U.S. District Judge, and the District Attorney, to ask that they will consult

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with us as to the course to be pursued

That you may have the earliest information on this distressing occurrence, I have thought it right that a special messenger should be sent to you, and our Melter & Refiner, Mr. McCulloh has been kind enough to undertake this duty. I pray you to report this case to the President. I have not time left to write a separate letter to him.

We respectfully beg for your advice and instructions as to this distressing occurrence.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

See Postscript.

Postscript. — Since the foregoing letter was written, I have had an interview with Mr. Pemberton Hutchinson. He says that he will, without making any difficulty in the case, pay the amount of $5000, for which the sureties are bound.

I have also had an interview with Judge Kane; and the Treasurer (Mr. Snowden) has gone with him to the Mayor's office, and they will take all the necessary measures to secure the person of the defaulter. It is intended to send writs, in different directions, by magnetic telegraph.

P. M. P.

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Jan. 14, 1848.

Sir,

I have the honor to send inclosed a copy of my report to the President, of the operations of the Mint and its Branches during the past year. The original report is sent to the President by the same mail.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

Do not enclose when returned to me RJW

To
Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Jan. 15, 1848.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th, respecting a requisition for $2000, made on the department by the Superintendent of the New Orleans Mint, on my suggestion. I will best explain the views on which I acted by presenting the following extract from my letter to him of the 20th of October last.

"I send subjoined a copy of the Estimates which I have sent to Washington, of the appropriations required by the New Orleans Mint, for the fiscal year 1848-49. You will see that it corresponds with your own, after adding to your "available funds on hand" the $2000 undrawn of the appropriation of 1846-47 for wages of workmen. For this I advise you to make an immediate requisition; and it will be available, after the new appropriation, for Incidental & Contingent expenses. Such, at least, has been the practise at this Mint, with regard to appropriations unexpended at the end of any fiscal year"

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The estimates which I prepare, annually, for the Department, of the appropriations required for the Mint and Branch Mints, are always accompanied by a full explanation of the grounds on which they are founded. Among these is the item "Appropriations undrawn and still available", the amount of which is deducted from the estimate of expenses in making up the amount of appropriations asked for. In the statement sent to me from New Orleans, this item was set down at $38,275; but as there was also the sum of $2000 for wages that had not been drawn, I thought it proper that this should be added, and the item was increased, in my statement, to $40,275; as will be seen in the estimates sent to the Department on the 22d of October last.

In order that this item of $2000 might not be rendered unavailable by the limit of time, under the act of March 3, 1795, I recommended that it should be drawn from the U.S. Treasury, and I stated my opinion that it would be available, after the new appropriation, for incidental and contingent expenses, to which head it was transferred in the estimates. I assumed that the approval of the estimates, by the Department, was a vir-

tual exercise of its power to transfer the appropriation from one head to another.

In this view of the matter, I now think I may have been wrong, and if so, I committed an error quite unnecessary to my purpose. The undrawn balance of $2000 was certainly available for paying the wages of workmen, and the estimate, under this head, for 1848–49, might have been reduced from $14,500, which has been asked, to $12,500; while the incidental and contingent expenses would be increased, from $15,000 to $17,000.

After saying, in my letter to Mr. Kennedy, that the amount which I advised him to draw would be available for incidental & contingent expenses, I add: "such at least has always been the practice at this Mint with regard ~~to the regard~~ to appropriations unexpended at the end of any fiscal year". What I here assert is, I believe, literally true; but it cannot ever have involved the question of a transfer of appropriations from other items to the contingent fund. The salaries of officers are specific, and are all drawn. The wages of workmen always reach the whole amount appropriated, and with an excess as to some workmen, which requires a resort

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to the contingent fund.

As your decision on the New Orleans question must affect the estimates which I have presented, I have respectfully to beg that you will communicate it to me

Very respectfully

your faithful servant,

R. M. Patterson

Director.

To,

Mr. Clintock Young, Esq.

Acting Sec. of the Treasury

(Private)

Mint of the United States
Jan. 21, 1848.

Dear Sir,

I send you, herewith, an official letter to ask that the President will appoint, for the approaching annual assay, the Commissioners whom he is authorized by law to designate, in addition to the Commissioners ex officiis, — namely, the District Judge, the District attorney, and the Collector of the Port.

I hope I may be excused for following the practice, heretofore always observed by the Director of the Mint, of respectfully suggesting to the President, through the Secretary of the Treasury, the names of individuals deemed proper to be selected for the occasion. I accordingly offer the following to his consideration.

Professor Robley Dunglison; a man of science, and occupying, as you know, a high standing in the community. He was formerly a professor in the University of Virginia, afterwards at Bal—

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timore, and now in the Jefferson Medical College, here.

Professor James B. Rogers, recently elected to the Chair of Chemistry in the University of Pennsylvania. His scientific knowledge will make him entirely capable of judging of the processes of the annual assay. He was appointed by Gen. Jackson, with the consent of the Senate, as Melter & Refiner of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, but was prevented from accepting the office by domestic circumstances

Professor E. N. Horsford, who holds a Chair of Chemistry in Harvard University, at Cambridge, near Boston, and is eminent in the department of science which he professes. In favor of his appointment it may be proper to mention, that Boston has not been yet represented at the Mint Annual Assay.

Let me ask that the letters of appointment may be sent, in the first instance, to me, to be forwarded to the Gentlemen named; in order that they may be ~~accompanied by~~ furnished with information which they ought to possess regarding the duty which they are invited to perform.

Very respectfully
Your faithful Servant
R. M. Patterson.

To
Hon. R. J. Walker
Secretary of the Treasury

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R. M. Patterson.
Director Mint.
Philadelphia
Jan. 21, 1848.

Private. Respecting the
additional Commissioners
for the Annual Assay.

Make out (by direction of
the President) to be signed
by You as a Sec'y of
Sec'y - appointments
for these persons &
send them at once
to Mr Patterson

Mint of the United States.
Jan. 21, 1848.

Sir,

The annual assay at the Mint is to be held on the 7th of next month, and I have the honor respectfully to request that you will ask the attention of the President to the appointment of the additional Commissioners provided for by the 32d Section of the Act of Jan. 18, 1837.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To
Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Jan. 22, 1848.

Sir,

We have now, in the Mint, of gold coins, the amount of $283,659; and the Chief Coiner will make a delivery to the Treasury, early next week, of about $100,000. With the moderate deposites that we are now receiving, I think that you might withdraw $200,000, without interfering with the prompt payment of Depositors.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To
McClintock Young, Esq.
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Jan. 27, 1848.

Sir,

In answer to the inquiry made in your letter of yesterday, I think I can safely say that, with the present reduced coinage at the Mint, we might, with a government deposite of $300,000, and perhaps less, continue to pay other deposites without delay.

It was my desire to have presented, with this letter, a statement showing the exact position of all the gold and silver, now in the Mint. I find, however, that this cannot be satisfactorily done, in time for the present mail.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To
McClintock Young, Esq.
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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Mint of the United States,

Jan. 28, 1848.

Sir,

I send enclosed the statement which I promised in my letter of yesterday. It shows, in detail, the position of all the items of which the U.S. Bullion Fund is composed.

The first item, of $13,623.81, due from the Ordinary Fund, is required to replace the loss by wastage in the bullion fund; and owing to the fraud committed by the Clerk in charge of the former of those funds, the amount in question cannot be paid, without an appropriation for the purpose.

You will see that of the $748,133.73 which constitutes the available bullion fund, $543,255.68 is in coins in the hands of the Treasurer, and $204,878.05 is with the Melter & Refiner and the Coiner, or in uncoined deposites still in the Treasurer's vault, or in coins reserved for the annual assay. Were the operations at all comparable to those of the past year, the amount of

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of bullion uncoined would be necessarily much greater. Should a large deposite be brought for coinage, say of $100,000, it could not be promptly paid without such amount of the U. S. Bullion Fund being kept, in coins, in the hands of the Treasurer. I think, therefore, that $300,000 ought to be the minimum amount left in the Mint, except in a case of urgent necessity.

Very respectfully,

Your faithful Servant,

R. M. Patterson,

Director.

Do,

Mc Clintock Young, Esq.
Acting Sec. of Treasury

P. S. I made a requisition on the Department, on the 22d inst, for $2000, to pay the wages of workmen; and a draft for the amount has not yet been received. As the delay is unusual, some apprehensions are felt in the case. Excuse me, then, for thus calling your attention to it.

To the credit of

United States Bullion Account $761,728.05
Gains on deposites since 1st. Jany/48. 29.49
$761,757.54

Due from Ordinary fund to balance
Profit & Loss, December 31. 1847. . . . . $13,623.81

In the hands of the

Melter & Refiner— Gold. $13,296.10
Silver 25,533.38 38,829.48

Chief Coiner— Gold $86,604.65
Silver 7,794.42 94,399.07

Treasurer— Gold Coin $378,322.50
Silver Coin. 164,933.18 543,255.68

Assay Pieces— Gold — $ 11.285.—
Silver— 120.10 11,405.10

Deposites— Gold — $74087.31
Silver— 7.206.10 81,293.41
769,182.74

Due to Depositors Gold $18,310.45
Silver 2,738.56 21,049.01

Available funds after paying Depositors $748,133.73
Due from Ordinary fund as above 13,623.81 $761,757.54

January 27th. 1848.

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Philadelphia,
Jan'y 21. 1848

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 19th inst. informing me, that the President had honored me with the appointment of Commissioner to act conjointly with others to carry into effect the 22d sect. of the Act supplementary to an act establishing a mint and regulating the Coin of the United States.

May I beg you to present my most respectful compliments to the President, and convey to him my acceptance of the trust which he has done me the honor to repose in me.

I am, Sir,
very respectfully,
your obedient humble Serv't.
Robert Dunglison

Wm M. Meredith Esq.
acting Secretary of the
Treasury.

acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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165.

Cambridge. Feb. 2, 1848.

Sir,

I have received your communication of Jan. 29. announcing my appointment to act conjointly with Professors Dunglison and Rogers of Philadelphia as commissioners to attend the annual assay at the Mint, on the 14th of this month.

It will give me pleasure to fulfil the duties of this appointment.

very Respectfully,
Eben N. Horsford.

Hon.
M. C. Laney.

States.
Feb. 12, 1848.

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Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Feb. 12, 1848.

Sir,

In reply to your circular of the 21st ult., I have to state, that, after careful examination, we cannot find any instructions addressed to me, by the Secretary of the Treasury, of a date subsequent to the 4th of March 1845, that are not comprehended in the list which you transmitted.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To
Mr. Clintock Young, Esq.
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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Rec'd Feb 18. 1848

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U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans Feb 5. 1848

Sir,

The remittance ask'd for on the 11th ult. of $12000, to pay our expenses during the present quarter, has not yet been received. It was divided as follows, viz:

For Salaries of Officers & Clerks ..... $3225.
" Wages of Laborers ..... " 4000.
" Contingent & Incid. Exp's ..... " 4775.
$12000

Will you be obliging as to send us a draft for the amount, at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully
C. A. Lenant
J. P. McKenney
Supt.

Hon: Robt. J. Walker
Sec'y of the Treas'y
Washington

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Mr Mahon M.

Transcribe Mr Mahon's Balance on
31st Dec. 1847
CD
Feb. 16 1848.

Mr Dummer

Balance due from him on 31 Dec 1847 Mahon
$12,209,10

Feb 16/48

Mr. VanZandt

Draw you upon the Cr. Comptroller's
Office in favor of Bond of Mr Mahon as
Comm of the Dist of New Orleans.
CD
Feb. 16 1848

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Feb. 18, 1848.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday, inclosing a copy of a communication from the Attorney of the United States for the District of Louisiana, on the subject of certain counterfeits of gold coins which have lately been found in circulation.

Mr. C.C. Lyon, on whose evidence rests the suspicion that the counterfeits may have been coined at the New Orleans Mint, was a workman discharged from that Mint in April last.

I shall immediately send a copy of Mr. Durant's letter, to the Superintendent, and request that he communicate to me his views on the subject.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,

R.M. Patterson,
Director

M.C. Young, Esq.
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Feb. 24th 1848

Sir,

Mr. Randal Hutchinson having, as you know, lately absconded from the Mint, and thereby vacated his place as a Clerk of the Treasury, the duty devolves upon me, under the 3d sect. of the Mint Act of Jan. 18th 1837, of appointing his successor, with the approbation of the President. In the performance of this duty, I beg leave most respectfully to submit, through you, to the President, for his approbation, Mr. Thomas J. Miles, of Philadelphia, as in my judgment a suitable candidate for the vacant clerkship. In testimony of his fitness for the place, his good character, and his standing in Society, I send the enclosed recommendations from many of our most respectable and distinguished citizens.

The penalty in the bonds required of the present Clerks in the Mint is $5000; it will probably be expected, after the defalcation of Mr. Hutchinson, that his successor should give a higher security, and I would submit for your approval the sum of $10,000.

Very respectfully,

your faithful servant,

R. M. Patterson,

Director.

Hon. R. J. Walker,
Sec. of the Treasury

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Feb. 28, 1848.

Sir,

During my absence from the Mint, on Thursday last, the Treasurer, Mr. Snowden, informed you that the defaulting Clerk, Mr. Randal Hutchinson, had been found at St. Thomas, and would be brought back to Philadelphia. I now send enclosed a copy of the letter from St Thomas which conveyed the information to us, and also of a note regarding the sum of $2350 received from Mr. Hutchinson.

Capt. Eckfeldt is expected to return to Philadelphia in the course of a few days.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To
McClintock Young, Esq.
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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(Copy)

My dear Brother,

You no doubt will be much astonished when I say to you I have on board as a prisoner Mr. Randle Hutchinson.

The circumstances relative to the arrest is this. I arrived on the 27th January from Antigua - in the course of the day my friend Capt. Davis from Philad. sayd he had been introduced that day to a gentleman by the name of Lawrance from N. York Cashier of one of the Banks who resembled a Mr. Hutchinson of Phila. so much and from circumstances that had occurred he was induced to believe it was him. I laughed at the idea. However, to satisfy him I called several times at the hotel and received for answer that Mr. Lawrance was unwell and could not be seen. I still insisted that Davis must be mistaken. On Saturday the 29 of January there was an arrival from N. York giving the par-

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ticulars of the embezzlement and that it would probably overreach $24,000. I immediately made the necessary inquiries and found I dare not arrest him without giving heavy bail such are the laws of this island. However I was not to be intimidated - went to the hotel, and demanded from the landlord an immediate interview with Mr. Lawrance. I was confident he had seen my arrival & when the poor fellow made his appearance he was scarce able to stand. I told him my business and that my orders from the U.S. Mint was to arrest him, showing him a letter saying I had just rec.d and that if he would acknowledge all to me I would protect him otherwise I must put him in the fort until he was demanded from home. He became very much alarmed and after reflection some time told me all. I then demanded what money he had. He immediately gave me an order on Mess. Witmore & Co who had deposited in the St. Thomas Bank for safe keeping two small bags containing Two thousand three hundred and fifty dollars which I now have. The fellow was so confused that he knew not what he was about. I then advised him to come immediately on board my vessel, return home to

his wife and family and give himself up, by so doing it would operate much in his favor. It was not over one hour after I recieved the information before he was safe on board my vessel. I mean to keep him there not allowing any one to come alongside to speak to him. St Thomas was quite in an uproar - some said I had no right to the money an others said I had. I have it, and it will take a pretty clever fellow to get it away from me.

I cannot learn what he has done with the rest of the money. I believe it is all he has for I have been obliged to pay his bills amounting to $75. I leave for Porto Rico in about one hour, if you wish to insure the amount you had better do so on the receipt of this.

my love to yourself and all the family

your affectionate Brother

St. Thomas, Feby 3/48 (signed) Jno. Eckfeldt.

my dear Brother, I wish you to understand that in obtaining the money or in getting Mr. Randle Hutchinson on board my vessal, there was no rough or violent means made use of, but kind and persuasive language

J. E.

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The undersigned, writing clerk in the employ of Meas. Whitmore Hoo of this islands did some few days past go to the Bank of Saint Thomas in company with Mr. Lawrence and deposit and said bank two small bags which by their weight I believed to contain gold coin, said bags were sealed with a seal by desire of the Cashier of said bank.

This morning a note was presented by Capt. Eckfeldt signed by Mr. Lawrence requesting said bags should be given to Capt. Eckfeldt. I immediately called at the Bank in company with Captain Eckfeldt and received the two bags with the seals unbroken, and at the request of Capt. Eckfeldt and in the presence of Capt. C. K. Davis cut loose the strings of said bags, and found in the first bag Eleven hundred dollars and in the other Twelve hundred and fifty dollars, all in half eagles the coin of the United States of America making the total sum of Two thousand three hundred and fifty dollars all of which was handed over to Capt. Eckfeldt in the presence of Capt. C. K. Davis

St. Thomas, 29 Jany 1848

(signed) P. J. Monville

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Mint of the United States

Philadelphia March 2, 1848.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of yesterday, I have to state that prompt measures were taken by the Judge and attorney of the U.S. District Court here, for securing the person of Mr. Hutchinson as soon as Capt. Eckfeldt's vessel shall enter the river. The money obtained at St. Thomas is in Capt. Eckfeldt's keeping, and he is a gentleman well known to us, and in whose integrity I believe that full faith may be placed.

As to the amount of the penalty which I suggested for the bond to be given by the Clerk who is to fill the vacant place in the mint, I had not forgotten your recommendation that the sum should be $20,000, but I felt a repugnance to the selection of a sum, twice as large as that required of the Treasurer, and four times as large as that in the bonds of the Clerk in charge of the bullion fund, which is by far the greatest in the mint. Were the penalty in the latter bond required to be also made $20,000, the incumbent, Mr. Sprague, might not be able to find sureties for such an amount, as his associations are not with wealthy men; and yet I would rather trust to his excellent character than to any reasonable penalty that could be introduced into a bond.

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If, however, it be thought in the department that the penalty should be raised to $20,000, I will not object to it, and have no doubt that my nominee can find competent sureties for that amount.

Very respectfully

your faithful servant,

R. M. Patterson,
Director

To,

Mc Clintock Young, Esq.,

acting Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia March 2, 1848

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday. When I received Mr. Durant's first letter, which was on the 18th ult^o, I immediately sent a copy of it to the Superintendent of the New Orleans Mint, and asked him "to make all necessary investigation into the matter and communicate to me his views with regard to it". I shall also send him a copy of Mr. Durant's last letter. I do not think it advisable to take any steps in the case, here, until we hear from Mr. Kennedy. Let me state to you, however, in the meanwhile, two facts that seem inconsistent with the suspicion that the counterfeit coins were struck at the New Orleans Mint. The first is, that the quarter eagles, only, bear the mark O of that Mint, while the half eagles are without mark, and therefore counterfeit the coins of the Philadelphia Mint. Now as all the dies are made at this Mint, and the O is impressed upon them here, the half eagles cannot have been struck at New Orleans. I presume it will hardly be supposed that the same criminals operations are carried on at both the Mints. The second fact that I have to mention is still more important. It is that the gold which forms the outer part of the counterfeits

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pieces, or a careful assay made here, to the of the British standard, which is considerably above ours, and which it is highly improbable that american Counterfeiters should use.

Very respectfully

Your faithful Servant,

P. M. Patterson,
(Director.)

To
Mr. Clintock Young, Esq.
Act. Secy of the Treasury.

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, March 13, 1848.

Sir,

On the 28th ult. I sent to you a copy of a letter from Capt. Jno. Eckfeldt, written at St. Thomas, in which he stated that Mr. Randal Hutchinson had entered his vessel, and would return with him to Philadelphia. I have now to inform you ~~that the vessel returned~~ arrived last night; that Mr. Hutchinson was before the District Court this morning; that bail to the amount of $25,000 was required of him by the Judge, which I presume he will not be able to obtain; and that the case is to be presented to the Grand Jury on Thursday next.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To
Mr. C. Young, Esq.
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, March 14, 1848.

Sir,

The United States District Attorney has thinks it necessary, in connection with the trial of Mr. Randal Hutchinson, that he should have certified copies of my letter of appointment of Mr. Hutchinson with the President's approbation; and of his Bond given at the time of his entering upon the duties of his office. May I then ask that you will have these papers prepared and forwarded to me?

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To
McClintock Young, Esq.
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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Mint of the United States

Philadelphia, March 20th 1848

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th enclosing certified copies of the bond of Randal Hutchinson, late clerk in the Mint, and of my letter requesting the President's approval of his appointment.

At the same time I received an account of J. G. Pluegel our consul at Leipsic, for postages chargeable against the U.S, some of them arising from correspondence with this Mint. To your question "whether any of the items have been presented to the mint" I reply that they have not. The letters described in the account as having passed between us and the Consulate are correctly stated. The paper in question is now returned.

Very respectfully

your faithful servant

R. M. Patterson,

Director

To

M. C. Young, Esq,

Actg. S. of the Treasury

Mint of the United States,
Treasurer's Office, Philad.a March 20th. 1848.

My dear Sir,

I have the honor to transmit, herewith, an account of the Profits on the Recoinage of Foreign Coins and the expenses of transportation of Foreign and U.S. Coins, pursuant to your direction of September 22d. 1847.

Will you be so good as to issue your Warrant, in my favor, for $ 29.21 the balance due to the Ordinary fund of the Mint from the United States.

I am respectfully,
Your most Obt. Servt.
James R. Snowden
Treas.

To
Hon. Robert J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury
of the U States

Mr. The United States in acc. with Jas. R. Snowden, Treasurer of the Mint, his account of the Receipts and Expenditures in the transportation and Recoinage of Foreign Coins, in pursuance of the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States. . . . . Dr.

1848.		Dollars	cts.
March 18.	To Amount paid for freight of $318087.10 in Foreign Gold Coins from Boston to Philad^a at 62½ cts. per $1000.	$ 198 80	
"	" Amount paid for freight of $318055.85 in U.S. Gold Coins from Philadelphia to Boston at 62½ cts. per $1000.	198 78	
"	" Amount paid for freight of $467806.44 in Foreign Gold Coins from New York to Philadelphia, at 37½ cts. per $1000	175 42	
"	" Amount paid for freight of $467806.44 in U.S. Gold Coins from Philadelphia to New York at 37½ cts. per $1000.	175 42	
"	" Amount paid for freight of $1298.91 in Foreign Silver Coins from Boston to Philad^a at $2.00 per $1000.	2 59	
"	" Amount paid for freight of $1298.91 in U.S. Silver Coins from Philad^a to Boston, at $2.00 per $1000.	2 59	
	As per Voucher, herewith, marked A.		753 60
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1848.		Dollars	cts.	
February 10	By Profits on the Recoinage of $318.087.10 in Foreign Gold Coins received from Boston. . . .	$ 54 53		
"	" Profits on the Recoinage of $467.806.44 in Foreign Gold Coins received from New York. . . .	113 39		
March 9.	" Profits on the Recoinage of $1298.91 in Foreign Silver Coins received from Boston.	3 26	171 18	
"	20. " One half of the expenses of transportation of the Gold and Silver Coins, beyond the Profits on the Recoinage, charged to the Ordinary Fund of the Mint.	291 21		
"	" " Balance due from the United States being the one half of the expenses of the transportation of the Gold and Silver Coins beyond the Profits on the Recoinage.	291 21	582 42	
				753 60

Mint of the United States,
Treasurer's Office March 20th 1848.
James R. Snowden
Treas.

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The U. S. Mint

To Adams & Co Dr.

For freight on Foreign Gold Coin from Boston to Phila as follows viz: 1847 Dec 9th $100.000
Dec 28th $100.000 Dec 30th $100.000 - 1848
Feb 22nd $18.087.10 = $318.087.10 @ 6½ ₱ $1000. $ 198.80

" Freight on Foreign Silver Coin from Boston to Phil. Feby 22/48 $1298.91 @ $2 ₱ 1000. $ 2.59

" Freight on Foreign Gold Coin from N York to Phil. as follows viz 1847 Dec 21st $125.000
Dec 22nd $250.000 Dec 29th $92.806.44
= $467.806.44 @ 37½ ₱ $1000 $ $ 175.42

" Freight on American Gold Coin from Phil to Boston being returns of above amounts
= $318.055.88 @ 6½ ₱ $1000. $ 198.78

" Freight on American Silver Coin from Phil. to Boston (returns) $1298.91 @ $2 $ 2.59

" Freight on American Gold Coin from Phil. to N York returns of above amounts
= $467.806.44 @ 37½ ₱ $1000 $. $ 175.42

Correct Geo. W. Edelman

$ 753.60

Received Payment
Phil. March 18th 1848.

Received Payment
Adams & Co

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(Copy)

No. of Repts.

March 20th 1848

Sir,

I have this moment rec'd yours of the 16th which came to hand in my absence. I am acquainted with Revd I. Grier, Miles B. Abernathy, W. P. Davidson, and B. Shipp, sureties (mentioned in your letter) to the bond of W. J. Alexander, Superintendent of Branch Mint at Charlotte. I have no hesitation in saying that in my opinion they are sufficient for the security of the bond in $10,000

Very truly

Yours &c

Dr. R. M. Patterson (Signed) Wm. Barringer.

Superintendent
Mint, Phila.

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, March 22, 1848.

Sir,

I have the honor to send, herewith, the official Bond of William J. Alexander, Esq., given on his appointment by the President, by and with the consent of the Senate, as Superintendent of the Branch of the Mint, at Charlotte North Carolina; and I have certified that this Bond of Mr. Alexander and his Sureties is to my satisfaction.

As I had no personal knowledge of the Sureties to the Bond, I applied to the Hon. D. M. Barringer for his opinions regarding them, and received from him the satisfactory communications of which a copy is subjoined.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director U.S. Mint.

To
McClintock Young, Esq.
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, March 24, 1848.

Sir,

In my letters of the 18th ult. and 2d inst., I acknowledge the receipt of the copies which you sent to me of the communications made to the Department by T. B. Conant, Esq., U.S. District Attorney for Louisiana, regarding conversations which he had held with Mr. C. C. Lyon, a former workman of the New Orleans Mint, on the subject of certain counterfeits of U.S. gold coins. Those communications were, as I stated to you, sent to the Superintendent at New Orleans, with a request that he would give to them his careful attention, and report to me the conclusions to which he may be led.

I now send enclosed a copy of his answer, and of a letter written to him, on the subject, by the Coiner, Mr. John Brooks:

R. M. Patterson

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The explanations given are such, I think, as to remove the very inconclusive grounds of suspicion presented by Mr. Lyon.

Let me repeat, however, the facts which I have already laid before you, and which seem inconsistent with the supposition that the counterfeit coins were struck at the New Orleans Mint.

The first is that the quarter-eagles, only, bear the mark O of that Mint; while the half-eagles, evidently of the same manufacture, are without mark, and therefore counterfeit the coins of the Philadelphia Mint. Now as all the dies are made at this Mint, and the O is impressed upon those for New Orleans, the half-eagles cannot have been struck at the Mint there. I presume it will hardly be supposed that the same criminal operations are carried on at both the Mints.

The second fact that I have to mention is equally important. It is that the gold which forms the entire part of the counterfeit, proves, on careful assay made here, to be of the British

standard, and thus points to a British origin. As this standard is considerably above ours, it is at least highly improbable that American counterfeiters should use it.

On the whole, I am convinced that there is no sufficient ground for a legal investigation into the surmises presented by Mr. Lyon.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director

To
McClintock Young, Esq.
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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Mint of the United States
Philadelphia, March 29, 1848.

Sir,

On the 24th ult°, I had the honor of presenting, through you, for the approbation of the President, Mr. Thomas I. Miles, of this city, as a Clerk in the Mint, to supply the place formerly filled by Mr. Randal Hutchinson. Since this communication, I have heard nothing on the subject from the Department. We have learned, however, from this lengthened delay, which has given us an experience of three months, that the loss of the services of one of the Clerks has not been so seriously felt as we had anticipated; and we therefore are willing, if no objection be made by you, to extend this trial, and to ascertain whether we can continue to perform the duties satisfactorily with the Clerks that we now have.

One of the principal duties of the Clerk that has left us was the preparation of the Director's warrants. I propose that this task should now be committed to the Director's Clerk; and with this relief I hope it will be found that the remaining duties can be satisfactorily performed by the two clerks of the Treasurer.

I am authorized, by Col. Snowden, to say that he approves of the course which I have proposed above.

Very respectfully
Your faithful servant
R. M. Patterson,
Director

To/
Hon. Robert J. Walker
Secretary of the Treasury

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Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, April 6, 1848.

Sir,

The trial of Mr. Randal Hutchinson for the embezzlement of moneys in the Mint, committed to his charge, was concluded this morning, after examinations and arguments which occupied a week. The jury after an absence of about one hour brought in a verdict of Guilty, and that the amount embezzled was that charged in the Indictment. An application has been made, by Mr. Hutchinson's counsel, for a new trial, and this will not be argued until the Circuit Judge, Mr. Grier, shall be in Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
your faithful servant
R. M. Patterson,
Director

To
Hon. Robt. J. Walker,
Secy of Treasury.

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Mint of the United States,
Treasurer's Office Philad.a April 7th 1848.

Sir,

I had the honor, on the 20th ult.o to transmit to you an account of the Profits on Re-coinage of Foreign Coins and the expenses of transportation of Foreign and U.S. Coins, pursuant to your direction of September 22d. 1847.

Not having received any reply to that communication, I beg leave to call the attention of the Department to the subject.

Very respectfully,
Your most Obt. Servt.

James Ross Snowden
Treas.r U.S. Mint.

To
Hon.ble Robt. J. Walker
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington

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United States Mint,
Philada April 11th 1848.

Sir,

I received your letter of the 10th inst, this morning and sent forthwith to the Collector of the Port, who paid me $ 291.21 agreeably to the authority given to him by you on the 22d ult.

This sum has been passed to the credit of the United States, in Ordinary Account, on the Books of the Mint.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt

James Pollock
Dir Mint

To
R. M. Clintock Young Esq.
Acting Secretary of the Treasury
Washington.

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Apr. 17, 1848.

Sir,

Mr. Alexander Vattemare brought with him from Paris a series of medals which he informed us were sent for the Mint. We have received from him a message informing us that these medals were left by him with the Secretary of the Treasury, and asking that I would make application for them. I have accordingly now the honor to do so, as we are very desirous of having them in our cabinet.

Very respectfully,
your faithful Servant
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To
McClintock Young, Esq.
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, May 6, 1848.

Sir,

On the 29th of March, I had the honor to write to you on the subject of an appointment to fill the clerkship lately held by Mr Randal Hutchinson. On that occasion I mentioned that our experience, since this place was vacant, had led us to believe that the three remaining clerks could satisfactorily perform all the duties; and I asked that no action should be taken, with regard to the vacancy, until further trials should enable us to determine whether the vacant clerkship could not be dispensed with. An experience of four months has now convinced us that it can, under an arrangement of the duties which has been prescribed, and which is now in full operation.

This arrangement has increased the labor of all the clerks, and has placed them, in this respect, as nearly as possible upon the same footing. It is therefore but just that they should be put upon the same footing as to salary.

In the 7th Sect. of the Mint-law of Jan 18, 1837, it is enacted, that "To the Assistants and Clerks, such annual salaries shall be allowed as the Director may determine

Wm. M. Meredith
Robt. Patterson
Director
Wm. L. Hodge

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determine, with the approbation of the President: Provided, that an Assistant shall not receive more than 1500 dollars, and that a Clerk shall not receive more than 1200 dollars."

I therefore propose that the salaries of the three Clerks be twelve-hundred dollars each; and I most respectfully ask, through you, that the President may give his approbation to this arrangement.

The salaries heretofore have been,— to one Clerk $1200, to two $1100 each, and to one $1000. The new arrangement will therefore save an annual sum of $800.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant
R. M. Patterson
Director

To
Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

I approve the foregoing recommendation of the Director of the Mint; May 10th 1848;
James K. Polk

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, July 6, 1848

Sir,

Your note by the telegraph was not received until after our office hours, and it is thought out of my power to give a statement of the condition of the Treasure's vault. I know, however, that there was, this morning, but between three and four thousand dollars, in gold coins, in the bullion fund, and that there was not enough to pay what was due to depositors. It would therefore be out of our power, now, to honor a draft upon us. I will inform you, to-morrow, of the exact amount in our hands, and of the amount to be expected from the Chief Coiner, and when.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

McClintock Young, Esq.
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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July 7, 1848

Sir,

In the letter which I sent yesterday, in answer to the inquiry made by you whether we could let you have $100,000 in gold, and how soon, - I promised to send, to day, a full view of the present condition of the U. S. Bullion Fund in the Mint. I, accordingly, now present, in the subjoined statements, the information required.

You will see that the U. S. Bullion Fund is reduced, after deducting your last draft upon it, to $196,735.60, of which there is in gold the value of $85,870.65. Of this gold there is, in coins, in the Treasurers vault, but $4,442.50, while $20,812.40 is due to depositors.

The Chief Coiner has something less than $2000 in gold coins in his vault, and has thirty ingots which will be rolled to morrow, and will be in coins on Wednesday next; but will yield only about $29,000.

From the note of the Melter & Refiner, which is subjoined,

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and to which I ask your attention, it appears that he has now in his hands about 4000 ounces of gold, of which the quarter part will require at least four working days to prepare it for ingots, and about as long afterwards for the operations of the Coiner.

It is evident, therefore, that we cannot pay a draft upon us for gold for at least a week, and then only for a moderate amount. I will take care to inform you both of the time and amount, when they shall be ascertained.

Of the silver coins in the Treasurers vault, there are $22,108 in dollars, $22,618 in half dollars, and the remainder ($31,960) in quarters dimes & half dimes

very respectfull
your faithfull servant
R. M. Patterson
Director.

M.c Clintock Young, Esq.

Mint & Refiner's Office
July 7. 1848

My dear Sir,

In answer to your inquiry I have the honour to state, that there is, at this time, in my hands about 4000 oz. troy of gold, of which 1500 only is in condition for melting into ingots of Standard gold. The remainder 2500 oz. requires refining, which will occupy four working days, at least, to prepare it for ingots. And allowing three days for the operations of the Coiner, it can be delivered to the Treasurer in a week.

At the present time, as is always the case, when work is slack and the bullion received in small parcels, by far the larger part of the gold requires refining by the acid process and cannot, therefore, be returned in coin to the Treasurer in less time, on an average, than a week or more.

Very respectfully
Your Ob. Sert
Richd W. Cadwalader

Dr. R. M. Patterson

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, July 11, 1848.

Sir,

I send inclosed a statement of the U. S. Bullion account at the Mint, up to the present day; and it will show that we are not yet prepared to honor a draft from the Department payable in gold.

The Treasurer has now, in gold coins, only $3,860; and there is due to the Assistant Treasury $48,000, and to Depositors $19,556.92. The deliveries of gold, from the Coins, this week, will not exceed $50,000.

I send this statement in performance of a promise made to you in my letter of the 7th

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To
McClintock Young, Esq.
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

1848.
June 30 To the credit of the U. S Bullion Accounc. $ 344,988.05

July 5. Less amount paid this day, on account of Treasury drafts No. 9,930, dated 28th. ultc., in favor of the Asst Treas. U.S. at Philad. for $148,872.75 } 100,872.75

$ 244,115.30

" 7. To the credit of Profit & Loss, Sundry deductions from days 620.30

$ 244,735.60

July 7. Bullion & Coins on hand this day

Gold. In the hands of the Treasr
Bullion, $8,087.58
Coins, 4442.50
Coins reserved for assaying 955.00 $13,485.08

In the hands of the C. Coiner and Melter & Refiner 93,197.97

$106,683.05

Due to Depositors 20,812.40

$ 85,870.65

Silver. In the hands of the Treasr
Bullion, $ 7,441.-
Coins 76,747.69
Coins reserved for assaying 10.15 $84,198.84

In the hands of the C. Coiner and Melter & Refiner 75,403.05

$159,601.89

Due to Depositors 736.94

$158,864.95 $ 244,735.60

To the credit of the U. S. Bullion Acc. as above $ 244,735.60

Due to the Asst Treas. U.S. at Philad. on Treasy. draft No. 9,930, as above. 48,000.- $ 196,735.60

1848.

July 7. To the credit of the U. S. Bullion Account, $244,115.30
" 11. " " " " Profit & Loss, for sundry deductions, 626.93
$244,742.23

Due to the Ass't Treas'r U. S. at Philad'a - - - - - -
on Treas'r, draft No. 9930, in his favor, for $148,872.75 } 48,000.—
$196,742.23

July 11. Bullion and Coins on hands:-

	Gold -	Silver -
In the hands of the Treasurer,-		
Bullion,	$11,233.67	$7,446.68
Coins,	3,860.—	51,753.59
Coins reserved for assaying	955.—	10.15
	$16,048.67	$59,210.42
In the hands of the Melter & Refr. and the Chief Coiner.	114,275.09	75,403.06
	$130,323.76	$134,613.48
Due to Depositors. . . .	19,556.92	638.09
Total amount of Gold. .	$110,766.84	$133,975.39
" " " Silver. .	133,975.39	
	$244,742.23	

Less amt. due the Ass't Treas'r U. S. at Philad'a as above) 48,000.00 . . . . . $196,742.23

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia, July 21, 1848.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday, asking me "whether the Mint was in a condition yet to meet a draft for $100,000 in gold, and if not for what amount a draft may be drawn."

On the receipt of this letter, there stood, to the credit of the U.S. Bullion Account, $196,977.23

This sum was composed as follows:

In gold bullion	$44,210.71	
gold coins	29,292.50	
	73,503.21	
Due to Depositors	9,164.59	
	64,338.62	
Silver bullion & coins	132,638.61	
		$196,977.23

You will see, from this statement, that there was but $29,292.50 in gold coins in the vault of the Treasurer, of which more than $9000 is due to depositors. In the hands of the chief cashier there was none. His last delivery was $50,000, of which $48,000 was paid over for a balance due to the assistant Treasury.

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The amount uncoined, in progress through the Mint operations, was $44,210.71, or 2,376 ounces. This is by no means a large quantity to have in this state.

Since the above statement was made, we have received $50000 in foreign gold coins, from the Assistant Treasury at New York, in payment of a draft from the department in our favor. This gold, with the clippings and deposites on hand, will be converted into ingots this day, and we may be able to meet a draft of $50,000 on Wednesday next.

As it may be important to you that you should be furnished with American gold coins at an earlier day or to a greater amount, I take the liberty of stating that there is, at this time, in the general fund of the Assistant Treasury here, in such coins, about $167,000.—

Very respectfully
your faithful servant
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

Hon. R. J. Walker
Sec. of the Treasury

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Aug. 10, 1848.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th inst., in which you give authority to the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Charlotte to suspend the operations of that Mint "during the month of September next", if I approve it. This limit of time is evidently taken from his letter to you, but it cannot be applied to the past year, not to the present. Both the operative Officers of the Charlotte Mint are already sick, and the authority asked for is evidently intended to commence at the time of its receipt. I have therefore ventured to make my approval act from that time, "unless you shall express your objection to this course."

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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Philadelphia Septr 7, 1848

Dear Sir,

I intends to be married on Wednesday next the 13th inst, and will leave town the next day, on a visit to friends & relatives in the western part of this State. I expect to be absent four or five weeks.

Dr Patterson and myself have made such arrangements as that my absence can occasion no inconvenience to the Department (Treasury) or to the public.

I will sign in blanks (as part of the arrangements) and leave with Dr P. the proper returns which may be necessary to be made during my absence.

In lieu of the above, the requisition for the payment of salaries for the present quarter, and to pay wages of laborers for the current month, will be made at an early day by the Director. And for the same reason I send with this letter, a request that a warrant be issued for the amt therein stated.

With great respect,

I am, very truly yours

James Rob Chandler

McClintock Young Esq
acting Secretary &c

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Mint of the United States
Philadelphia, Oct 4, 1848

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultº, and also of the collection of medals brought from Paris by Mr Vattemare to the Treasury Department for the United States Mint. The medals are master-pieces of skill and taste, and form a most welcome and valuable addition to our cabinet.

Under the authority which you have given to me, I will place at the disposal of Mr Vattemare, a complete series of the Coins of the United States, and of the medals struck at the Mint

Very respectfully
your faithful servant
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To
Mr C Cantrill Young Esq
Actg. Secy of the Treasy

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Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Oct. 11, 1848.

Sir,

I have the honor to send enclosed the Surety Bond of John D. Field Jr., recently appointed Coiner of the U.S. Branch Mint at Dahlonega; — his sureties being Wm. B. Wofford and Harrison Sommerour. I have certified that the Bond is to my satisfaction, on the following assurance given by the Superintendent Jas. F. Cooper, in a letter sent with the Bond.

"Mr. Field will enter upon the duties of Coiner this morning, [Oct. 3,] At his request, I forward for your approbation his Official Bond. The sureties are gentlemen of high standing and ample responsibility. They have visible property in negroes, lands, merchandize, &c., to the value of fifty or sixty thousand dollars. A stronger bond cannot be made in this county."

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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Mint of the United States

Philadelphia, Oct. 20, 1848

Sir,

On the sixth of January last, I wrote to the department, stating that it had been recommended, both by the U.S. District Judge and the Mayor of the city, that a reward of $500 should be offered "for securing the person" of Mr. Randal Hutchinson, who had absconded from the Mint with moneys belonging to the United States.

On the 8th of January the Acting Secretary of the Treasury wrote to me as follows: "You are hereby authorised to offer a Reward of $500 for the apprehension of Randal Hutchinson, as suggested by you"

Mr. Hutchinson was first discovered by Capt. John Eckfeldt, at St. Thomas, and was brought to Philadelphia by Capt. Eckfeldt, – but not by force.

On their arrival at the city Mr. Hutchinson went to his home, and Capt. Eckfeldt reported the fact to the Treasurer of the Mint and myself, late at night.

We immediately sent for Judge Kane, and asked his advice and action in the case. He accordingly issued his warrant for the apprehension of Mr. Hutchinson, and placed it in the hands of Deputy Marshals Wm. H. Miller, Thos. O'Neil, and Saml. H. Gilbert, and by these men Randal Hutchinson was legally arrested.

Under these circumstances each of the parties presen-

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ted claims, on grounds which are given in the subjoined letters, (1 & 2). On the 29th of August both parties agreed "to submit their respective claims to the Hon. Jno. K. Kane, to award the same, or any portions of the same, to and among the respective claimants" (No 3)

To this arrangement, I gave my consent, (No 4) and I promised to act upon Judge Kane's decision "subject, however, to the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury"

The award of Judge Kane has been presented, (No 5,) and he recommends that there be paid to Capt John Eckfeldt $200, and to Wm H. Miller, for himself and Thos O'Neil, and Saml H. Gilbert, $300."

This award I think to be just and satisfactory, and I respectfully ask for it your approbation

Very respectfully
your faithful servant
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

(1.) 210

(Copy)

The undersigned, acting under the authority of the Marshal of the U. S. for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, would respectfully represent:

That on the morning of the 13 March 1848, in pursuance of a warrant placed in our hands, we arrested Randal Hutchinson, charged with embezzling money of the U. S. from the Mint of the U. S. The said Hutchinson, at the time of his apprehension, was at his dwelling, in this city, under no restraint whatever.

That one of our number was, for several days, stationed on the Delaware river, 80 miles below the city, watching the arrival of the brig Wm J. Watson, capt Eckfeldt, in which he (Hutchinson) was a passenger from the island of St Thomas - that immediately on the arrival of the vessel, on the evening of the 12th, all spent that night in watching his dwelling, so that he might not elude our pursuit.

We, therefore, in view of our services, and the apprehension of said Hutchinson, claim the reward offered for the same by the authorities of the U. S.

Philadelphia
April 7, 1848

William H. Miller
Thomas O'Neill
Samuel A. Gilbert

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(Copy)

To Dr. R. M. Patterson,

Director of the Mint of the United States

Sir,

I take the liberty to lay before you the following representation, and respectfully ask of you to support the claim which is made thereupon.

In the month of January last, being in command of the brig Wm. J. Watson, trading between Philadelphia and the West Indies, I arrived at the Island of St. Thomas. I there found that Randal Hutchinson, late a clerk in the Mint of the United States, who had embezzled the moneys of the United States and fled fum justice, had taken refuge in that island. I therefore felt it to be my duty to capture and bring him home; but for want of treaty-arrangements between Denmark (to which country that island belongs) and the United States, there was no way of effecting my object by legal process; and, therefore, I was obliged to resort to threats and persuasions, which had the effect to induce him to surrender himself into my charge, and go on board of my vessel. Besides this, I recovered the sum of two thousand three hundred and fifty dollars in gold coins, which he had deposited in the Bank of St. Thomas. From that time until my arrival at the port of Philadelphia said Hutchinson was in my custody. Expecting that my vessel would be boarded by the Officers of the law with a legal warrant, which of course I had not, I anchored in the stream; but my expectations being disappointed, I came ashore with Hutchinson, it being then late at night, and directly

went to give information to the officers of the Mint, and the proper authorities, by whom he was arrested at his house a few hours after. The foregoing facts, as you are aware, have already appeared more largely in the testimony before the District Court where said Hutchinson was convicted. As he was, therefore, by my agency and personal effort, and with a good deal of care and trouble, apprehended and brought to justice, I respectfully claim the reward which was offered by the Treasury department

Very respectfully yours
Jno. Eckfeldt

Philad.a 6 June 1848

(3.)
(Copy)

It is agreed by and between John Eckfeldt, claimant on the one part, and William A. Miller, Thomas O'Neil and Samuel Gilbert, joint claimants on the other part of the reward offered by the Government of the United States of America, through the Director of the Mint, for the apprehension of Randal Hutchinson, to submit their respective claims to the Honorable John K. Kane, to award the same, or any portions of the same, to and among the respective claimants

August 29, 1848

Jno. Eckfeldt
William A. Miller
Thos. O'Neil
Samuel A. Gilbert

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(4)

(Copy)

Mint of the United States

Philadelphia Aug. 30, 1848

Dear Sir,

I send herewith and agreement signed by Captain John Eckfeldt on the one part, and Messrs William H. Miller, Thos' O'Neil, and Saml. H. Gilbert on the other part, claimants respectively for the Reward of $500 offered by the Treasury Department, through me, for the apprehension of Mr. Hutchinson. In this paper the parties submit their claims to you, "to award the same, or any portions of the same, to and among the respective claimants".

I join willingly, in begging you to accept this reference, and I will act upon your decision, subject, however, to the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury

Very respectfully & truly yours

R. M. Patterson

Director

Hon. John K. Kane.

(5.)

(Copy)

Under the reference made to me by Capt John Eckfeldt, of the one part, and William A. Miller, Thomas O'Neill, and Samuel A. Gilbert, of the other part,

I award

that of the reward of Five hundred dollars, referred to in the annexed letter of the Director of the Mint, there should be paid to Capt. John Eckfeldt two hundred dollars, and to William A. Miller, for himself and Thomas O'Neil and Samuel A. Gilbert, three hundred dollars

Philadelphia, 16 Oct 1848

J. K. Kane.

To

Dr. R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint U.S.

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Oct. 23, 1845.

Sir,

I have the honor to send enclosed a Report of the operations of the Mint and Branch Mints for the month of September. During that month the operations of the Charlotte Mint were suspended, and the coinage of the Dahlonega Mint was interrupted by a vacancy in the Coining department, occasion by the death of Mr. Mason.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director

To Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury

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Mint of the United States
Philadelphia Nov. 6, 1848

Sir,

On the 20th ulto, I had the honor to send you copies of claims made by Capt. Eckfeldt on the one part, and Messrs Miller, O'Neil & Gillet on the other part, for the Reward of $500 offered, by consent of the Department, for the apprehension of Randal Hutchinson. This communication was accompanied by a written agreement of the parties, to submit their claims to the opinion of Judge Kane, and to abide by the award given by Judge Kane in the case. To this award I asked for your approbation. Excuse me for again calling your attention to this matter. The parties interested are anxious to have the case finally settled.

Very respectfully
Your faithful Servant
R. M. Patterson
Director

Pd

Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Nov. 18, 1848.

Sir,

I have the honor to send herewith a report of the operations of the Mint and Branch Mints for the Month of October.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director

To
Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Dec. 1, 1848.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ult., in which you ask my answers to a series of questions regarding the coinage at the Mint, from the 1st of March 1845 to the 30th of November 1848.

Immediate attention has been given to this subject, and the statements which you ask will be communicated at as early a day as practicable.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To
Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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U. S. Mint, Phil.a Dec.r 19, 1848

Dear Sir,

The information from California, official and individual are conclusive as to the existence of extensive deposits of gold in that region, and we have every reason to believe that it will be found in greater quantities and covering a larger extent of country, than has as yet been ascertained. The fact that Coin is exceedingly scarce in that distant region, and that there exists no true standard of value or of weight of the gold grains, is apparent from various sources of information, especially from the proceedings of a meeting of citizens of San Francisco, held in September last, and the memorial, which they forwarded to the Congress of the U. States. — As recommended by the President of the U. States, in his recent annual message and suggested by you in your financial report to Congress, they ask for the establishment of a Branch of the Mint of the U. States at that place. Without doubting the propriety of such an institution, but in view of the delay, not to speak of the difficulty of establishing it there, it has occurred to me, and I respectfully suggest it for your consideration, whether the immediate establishment of an Office for the Assay of Gold

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at San Francisco, would not be greatly advantageous. The machinery and apparatus of a Mint are extensive and requires a large outlay, and the most accurate fidelity in the agents selected to carry on its operations. The acts of Congress fixing the Standard fineness and weight have many guards to secure uniformity, and as near as may be, perfect accuracy in the Coinage. A certain number of the Coins which are from time to time delivered by the Chief Coiner to the Treasurer, are reserved indiscriminately for the annual Assay which is made in February of each year. Moneys from the Branch Mints are forwarded to Phila monthly for that purpose. Our possessions on the Pacific are so distant and the present means of Communication so imperfect and protracted, that the necessary Regulations to preserve uniformity in the Constitutional Currency of the Country, would be found, if not impracticable, at least extremely imperfect and difficult. It is certainly proper that the Assays of fineness and weight should be made if possible at one place, as it now by Law provided. I do not present this as an insuperable obstacle in the way of the establishment of a Branch Mint at California, but as presenting at least one of the difficulties to be overcome.

"Assay Office"

On the other hand, an "Office" could be established without inconvenience or delay. The necessary machinery and apparatus are simple and portable; and it would require but two or three competent persons to conduct the operations, at a comparatively small expense to the government. Two objects might be embraced viz: The melting into bars and ascertainment of the fineness and weight of the gold presented for Assay. The fineness and weight being stamped thereon, and delivered to the depositor, its value as an article of commerce and exchange would be fully ascertained and determined. But the most important operation would be the formation of the deposits into ingots of the legal standard of the Coinage of the U. States, which is described in the 8th Section of the act of January 18, 1837, to wit "that of one thousand parts by weight, nine hundred shall be of pure metal and one hundred of alloy". These ingots might be of various sizes, such as the Secretary of the Treasury of the U. States might direct. These fineness and weight having the stamp of the government upon them their value would be fully ascertained and they would be of equal value in all parts of the Union, because

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they would be immediately, and without cost or expense to the holder, convertible into the Coin of the U. States at any of the Mints. And it may be proper to say, that the accuracy of the Assay made at the Office in California would thus be subject to frequent tests, because their fineness would be ascertained at the Mint where they would be received for coinage.

But I will not further enlarge upon this subject, other views might be presented, but they will readily occur to you, and indeed what I have said may not be new to you, but as they occurred to me to be proper, I deemed it my duty to present them, for your consideration, and use as you may deem proper.

I send you herewith a small pamphlet exhibiting a brief account of the process employed in the Assay of gold & silver, at the Mint of the U. States.

I have the honor to be
with the highest regard
your ob't Servt

Hon. R. J. Walker
Washington D.C.

James Ross Snowden

P. S.

As a matter of information to you, I have the honor to state, that the value of deposites of California gold, made at this Mint, is $44,177. up to this date. Dec. 19, 1849.

R. M. Snowden

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Philadelphia
Feb 22d

Sec'y of Treasury,

Is the Mint to take the charge and pay the expense of the transportation of the bullion drawn in its favor upon N. York? What course is to be followed as to the draft in favor of the Assistant Treasury?

R. M. Patterson.
U. S. Mint

Mr Mint 22/49
Patterson

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An estimate of the expenses of the Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1846

For Salaries of Officers & Clerks viz		
The Superintendent - - -	2,000	
The Assayer - - - -	1,500	
The Coiner - - - -	1,500	
One Clerk - - - -	1,000	6,000
For Wages of Workmen		3,500
For Incidental & Contingent Expenses including fuel Materials & Stationary and Wastage for the whole year		1,500
		11,000.

Mint of the United States
Philad.a November 16. 1844

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U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 13 May 1846.

Sir

By last mail I received a protest for non-payment of the Treasury Draft No. 2.469 I send by Mr Selden on your Warrant No. 4.945, and payable by the Collector in Wilmington in this State.

I had negotiated the Draft through the Bank in this place, and having had it returned to them, they look to me for payment. Will you be pleased to have the matter investigated and corrected at as early a day as possible.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
G. W. Caldwell
Superintendent

Apr. as $5.400. (Wilmington

Hon. R. J. Walker
Secy of the Treasury
Washington City

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Charlotte N.C. Aug 29th
1846

Hon Mr Walker

Sir

I have received through Mr Patterson Director of the United States Mint my appointment as coiner of the Branch mint at Charlotte N.C. He requests me in case of my acceptance to inform you of the same I will accept the appointment and will proceed forthwith to give the necessary qualifications as soon as possible

Respectfully Yours

To the Hon Mr Walker Ormon Graham
Treasurer of the U.S

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File
Answd &c

House of Repr
18th Dec 1846

Sir.

I submit to you a Statement marked No 1 with accompanying Document & Voucher to establish a claim made by Messrs Perry & Sigson to a balance due for Building the Charlotte Vessel. I also refer you to a Communication made to you in June last by J Patterson of the U S Vessel on the same subject. See his letter to me No 2 — I ask your attention to this — Can you refer it to some one of your assistants and allow me to appear before him as an advocate — Your obt Servt

To the Secy of the Treasury &c

James A Black

M&O

Assays Office — U.S. Branch Mint
Charlotte, N.C. — 9 July 1847 —

Sir

During the 3 months — from 1 Oct. to 31 Dec. 1846 — since this Branch Mint has been in operation — we have coined 196.000 dollars worth of Gold Bullion. Of this amount 149.000 dollars have been deposited by three bank agencies within this State — who advanced their own paper to the Miners & Merchants in exchange for Bullion.

I understand that an equal sum was forwarded to the Navy Yd from the Charleston & Camden Banks of S. Carolina just before we commenced coining.

Besides the amounts exchanged with the Banks for their issues — many miners await payment in coin, which they hoard up — fearing precarious investments — and there exists — within certain bounds of this Branch Mints in N. Carolina & Georgia — very large sums in coin — which if it should be important to the Government, I think might readily be exchanged for Treasury notes, by depositing them with the Treasurers of the Gold Mints.

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I am respectfully
your considerations and Remain
Yr. Obt. Svt.

J. H. Gibbon.

Hon. R. J. Walker
Secretary of the Treasury.

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca. 1 March 1847.

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting through your address for the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia, the Coins issued at this Mint for the Annual Assay at Philadelphia, having been directed to do so Monthly by the Director

Very respectfully
Your Ob.t Serv.t
G. W. Caldwell
Superintendent

Rec.d by Director
8th Mar '47

Hon.ble R. J. Walker
Sec.y of the Treasury
Washington City

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U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca. 23d. March 1847.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you, that I have this day transmitted my Bond as Actg Treasurer of the Mint in this place to the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia for his approval, and have requested him when approved to forward it to your Office —

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

Wm. J. Alexander

Hon.ble R. J. Walker
Secy of the Treasury
Washington City

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Estimate of the Expenses of the Branch Mint of the United States at Charlotte, N.C. for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1847.

	Dollars	Dollars
For salaries of Officers and Clerks, viz.		
The Superintendent	2,000	
Coiner	1,500	
Assayer	1,500	
Clerk	1,000	6,000
For wages of workmen		3,500
For wastage of gold and for contingent expenses		1,500
Total amount required		11,000

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U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte No. Ca 19th Novemr 1847.

Sir

In conformity to the desire expressed in your letter of the 1st Inst- "to have the aggregate amount of Coinage at the several Branch Mints during the Month", I respectfully report that the Coinage of this Branch has been 3.361 ½ Eagles = $16.805. and that it will be the only Coinage during the Month.

Supposing that the total amount of Coinage executed at this Branch Mint, since the recommencement of operations in October 1846, would be desireable, I respectfully append the following Statement of Coinages during the several Quarters to the 20th Inst

1846.	From	1 October to 31 December	76.995.00
1847	"	1 January to 31 March	135.632.50
"	"	1 April to 30 June	112.405.00.
"	"	1 July to 30 September	114.505.00
"	"	1 to 31 October	39.957.50
"	"	1 to 20th November	16.805.00.
			$496.300.00.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

Hon'ble R. J. Walker
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City

Wm J Alexander
Superintendent

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United States Branch Mint,
Dahlonega Ga. Nov. 25. 1847.

Sir,

The Coinage at this Branch Mint up to the 25th Inst. during the month of November, amounts to $17,385.

The total Coinage since the 1st of January 1847 is $320,505.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
Augt. C. Dahlonega
Superintendent

Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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United States Branch Mint
Dahlonega. Ga: Nov. 30. 1847.

Sir,

The Coinage at this Branch Mint during the month which expires to-day is $17.385.

And the aggregate Coinage since the 1st. day of January 1847 is $320.805.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant,
Mintey R. Cooper
Supt.

Hon. R. J. Walker
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City.

Mintey R. Cooper
Supt. U.S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega. Ga.

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The undersigned, a portion of the Officers and Laborers attached to the United States Branch Mint, Dahlonega, Ga. would beg leave to withdraw their names from a petition lately addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury.—

The reason for this request, is that they have since discovered that the said petition was a portion of a scheme which they utterly discountenance, having for its object the displacement of the present efficient Clerk, and the substitution of another entirely disqualified for the Office.

Dahlonega, Ga.
February 4th 1848.

Isaac L Todd Assayer
William Wamick.
A. G. Adams,
F D Bamfield

Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington city.

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U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N. Ca. 31st July 1848

Sir

In August last at the request of the Officers and workmen of this Branch Mint I wrote to the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia, enquiring whether I could if I deemed it necessary, suspend the operations of the Mint here, during the Month of September, as it was expected to be very sickly during that month, and the business of that month generally, not being very heavy — Before I could get his answer, it was too late to write to you, to whom I was directed for the necessary authority. I now address you on behalf of the Officers and at their request to get this permission, as at this time both the Coiner and Assayer are sick from chills and fevers, and it is believed by the Physicians here, that it will be very sickly during the next and succeeding Months.

We are so situated, that the sickness of the Coiner or Assayer necessarily suspends our operations, there being but one in the respective departments to perform its duties, which they can ordinarily, easily perform. Should you give me the authority, with the approbation of the Director I will exercise it at a time, I think it best, and for the shortest period that may be deemed necessary within the limits you may assign to me.

I will be obliged to you for an early answer to this Application.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt

Wm. J. Alexander Supt.

Hon.ble R. J. Walker
Secy of the Treasury
Washington City

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U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.

The Hon'ble W. M. Meredith

Sir

I inclose you a petition handed to me today by the Officers & workmen in the Mint requesting a suspension of the operation of the Mint during the sickly season which will probably occur about the months of August.

I recommend their application to you & hope that you will be disposed to comply with their wishes.

With respect I am Sir

Your ob.

Wm. J. Alexander

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Sir —

We, Officers & Workmen of the United States Branch Mint in North Carolina respectfully solicit you to apply to the Secretary of the Treasury for a temporary suspension of work during the sickly season — which annually affects some of us — and necessarily delays the operations ~~of the Mint~~ While during that season few deposits are, comparatively made at this Mint.

As every White person — who can afford it — leaves during the dry season — for refreshment & health — and as we all have families requiring our care — we hope this application will be forwarded by you — that our preparations may be made in case of the favorable consideration of the Secretary.

We are very respectfully —

J. H. Gibbon.
Chas Mfgr. Graham
Edwd Feely
John C. Frazer
Andrew Erwin
John Rigler

To W. J. Alexander Esq —
Supt. U.S. Branch Mint N.C.
Charlotte 30 June 1849

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An estimate of the expenses of the Branch Mint at Dahlonega Geo. for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1846

For Salaries of Officers & Clerk viz		
The Superintendent — — —	2,000.	
The Assayer — — — — —	1,500	
The Coiner & Melter & Refiner —	1,500	
one Clerk — — — — — —	1,000	6,000.
For Wages of Workmen — — — — —		3,600.
For Incidental & Contingent Expenses including fuel Materials & Stationery repairs & Wastage for the year 1845 &		3,300
		$ 12,900.

Mint of the United States
Philada November 16. 1844

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United States Branch Mint,
Dahlonega, Ga. October 17. 1846.

Sir,

I have the honor to present, herewith, a transcript of the account current, between the Treasurer of the United States and the Undersigned, as a depositary of the public money, for the week ending this day, showing a balance standing to the credit of the former of $26,850.

It is submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury whether it would not be advisable, to dispense with that portion of the late regulations (as far as this Mint is concerned) which requires a weekly transcript of the account with the Treasurer of the United States.

The balance in this Depositary will probably remain unchanged for three months at a time. It would appear that every valuable purpose of the regulation would be fulfilled by requiring a transcript of the account whenever it undergoes a change, either by draft or remittance.

Very respectfully, Your obt. Sevt.

Thomas R. Gaither

Supt. & Treasurer.

Hon. R. J. Walker
Secretary of the Treasury, Washington city.

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Estimate of the Expenses of the Branch Mint of the United States at Dahlonega, Ga., for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1847.

	Dollars	Dollars
For salaries of Officers and Clerks		
The Superintendent	2,000	
Coiner	1,500	
Assayer	1,500	
Clerk	1,000	
		6,000
For wages of workmen, viz. five workmen at $720		3,600
Incidental and contingent expenses, including fuel, materials, stationery, repairs, and wastage of gold		3,000
Total amount		12,600

James S. Booker, Supt.
and Treasurer U.S. Br. Mint
Dahlonega, Ga.
October 17, 1846.

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United States Branch Mint,
Dahlonega, Ga. Nov. 18. 1847.

Sir,

The Coinage at this Branch Mint up to date, during the month of November amounts to $10,135.

There will be no further coinage prior to the 20th. Inst. and but little more during the month; it will be reported as it shall occur, according to the directions contained in your letter of the 1st. Inst.

The total Coinage at this Mint since the 1st. of January 1847 amounts to $313,255.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient Sevt.

Thomas R. Cooper.

Superintendent.

Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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N. O. Branch Mint
New Orleans July 29. 1845

Sir,

Operations have been for some days past, unavoidably suspended at this Mint, for the purpose of putting the Coining and Melting Departments in order. They are both greatly out of repair. We have on hand, for the purpose of accommodating the Public during the Suspension, over and above the amount now due to Depositors, about $60.000 in gold, and $4,000 in silver coin. The last June includes $30.000, in dimes and half dimes, coined by your direction.

It will afford me much satisfaction, on the resumption of business, to obey your orders with regard to the receipt of the foreign gold and silver coins received at the Custom House and Post Office in this City. I am apprehensive, however, that the amount brought to the Mint, under your instructions and those of the Post Master, will be little short of your expectation, for, I have been informed by the Collector, that the duties are nearly exclusively paid in bank notes, and, from my own personal observation, I know, that nineteen twentieths, of the sum rec.

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in payment of postage, are in American half dollars - These notes, might it is true, be exchanged at the Bank for specie, but, the profit usually made by the exchange of Mexican dollars, that being almost the only silver coin imported, would be an inducement with those Institutions, to depute them with us, as they now do, on their own account, and to redeem their paper with American Coin -

The Department, however, would no doubt, effect the accomplishment of its views, by directing the Treasurer of the Mint, to place, when required, to the credit of the Bank furnishing Mexican Dollars for notes received at the Custom House, any gain that might arise from the conversion of the same into Coin of the U. States.

An apology, Mr. Secretary, is, perhaps, due to you for the liberty I have taken, in making this suggestion - If so, I trust you will deem it sufficient for me to state, that it comes from a desire on my part to see realized, any hope entertained by you, of conferring a benefit upon the Country -

Very respectfully
Your Ob. Servt.
J. M. Clemens
Secy.

Hon. R. J. Walker
Sec. of the Treas.

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N. O. Branch Mint
New Orleans January 24 1846

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you, that the sum of $50,000, received in Foreign Gold, from the Canal & Banking Co. in payment of a transfer Draft issued by the Treasurer of the U. S. in favor of the Treasurer of the Branch Mint, has, agreeably to your Directions of the 8th ult., been coined into half and quarter Eagles, and would have been ready sooner, but for an unavoidable interruption of our operations, attendant upon the annual settlement of the accounts of our Melter & Refiner.

Should the Department have no immediate occasion for this amount, allow me to suggest to you the propriety of permitting us to use it, for the purchase of Foreign gold for re-coinage. The promptness with which it would enable us to pay Depositors, would, no doubt, induce more numerous deposites of that description of bullion, and the amount could, at any time, be replaced in the same coin, upon a week or ten days notice.

Very respectfully
Your Ob't Servant
J. M. McKenney
Sup.

To the Hon R. J. Walker
Sec'y of the Treas
Washington

U.S. Branch Mint New Orleans.
Treasurer Offic May 8th 1846

Sir)

I have to acknowledge the receipt, by this morning's mail, of your favr dated 29th ult., enclosing One Transfer draft No 298, on the Canal & Banking Comp'y of this city, for $130.000, and instructing me to place the same to your credit in this Institution.—

The President and Cashier of the Bank decline paying any part of the amount in foreign coin.

Very respectfy
Yr obt Svt
John R. Maxwell
Treasurer

Wm Selden Esq
Treasurer U.S.
Washington City

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An estimate of the Expenses of the Branch Mint at New Orleans for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1846

For Salaries of Officers & Clerks viz		
The Superintendent - - -	2,500	
The Treasurer - - - -	2000	
The Coiner - - - -	2000	
The Assayer - - - -	2000	
The Melter & Refiner - - - -	2000	
Two Clerks 1200 $ each - - -	2400	12,900
For Wages of Workmen		19,000
For Incidental & Contingent Expenses including fuel materials Stationery water rent repairs & Wastage for the whole year 1845 - - -	23,000	
For Machinery & Machinists - - - -	5,000	28,000
		$ 59,900.

Mint of the United States
Philad[a] November 16. 1844

clerk & fuel

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U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans July 29th 1846.

Sir,

We will, on the 1st prox; with the sanction of the Director, suspend operations, at this Mint, until about the 1st of Oct, both on account of the extreme heat of the Weather, and for the purpose of putting the different Departments in order -

Mr Macmurdo wishes, during this interim of our labours, to make a visit to the Philadelphia Mint, with a view of witnessing the various transactions of that Institution, in connexion with the Treasurer's Office - It is also very desirable, that he should have a personal interview with yourself in reference to additional accommodations in this Building, for the deposite of the Public Monies, in the event of the passage of the Sub Treasury Bill -

I therefore beg leave, respectfully, to recommend, that, in order to accomplish the above objects, you allow him to draw upon our Contingent appropriation, for a sum not exceeding $200 = A similar privilege was accorded to me by your predecessor, at the instance

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of Dr. Patterson, and I hope that you will see no impropriety in acceding to this request —

Very respectfully

Your obt. Servt

D. McKnight

Sup.

Hon R. J. Walker

Secretary of

the Treasury

Washington D. C.

U.S. Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office Oct. 15th 1846.

Sir /

I had the honor of addressing you under date 6th Inst., referring to which, I now hand you enclosed, plan & specifications for the additions & alterations therein alluded to. The estimated cost, of making the alterations, is I think reasonable.

Hoping soon to hear from you in reply to my letter of 6th Inst.,

I have the honor
to be, Yr Mo obt Svt
John R. Maxwell
Treasurer.

To
Hon: R. J. Walker.
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City

P.S.

If the Secretary of the Treasury shall approve the plan submitted, & authorise the alterations, he will please return the plan & specifications, as I am desirous of saving the expense of a "duplicate" of the same.

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my respects of the 5th. Army.

Respectfully

your faithful Servant

P. N. D. Tyler

Comr

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans Nov 9. 1846

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a copy of a communication just rec.d from Mr. Macnurdo, and am

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
J. M. Clemens
Supt

Hon Robt J. Walker
Secretary of the Treas.
Washington
D.C.

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Copy.

U. S. Branch Mint, New Orleans
Treasurer's Office Nov. 9th 1846

Sir,

Fearing that the Secretary of the Treasury may become impatient at the delay occurring in the transmission of my Official Bond, required under the Act of Congress of the 6th. of August 1846, entitled "An Act to provide for the better Organisation of the Treasury, and for the collection, safe-keeping, transfer, and disbursement of the Public Revenue", I have to beg that you will communicate to him by this morning's mail, that said bond is now very nearly completed, and only awaits the return of one of my friends from Mississippi to be closed and forwarded.

Yours very truly
John R. Macomnds.
Treasurer

J. W. Kennedy Esq
Superintendent.

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Wm. Reynolds, Supt.
N. O. Branch Mint
N. Orleans

Nov 9th 1846.

Enclosing copy of a letter from Mr. Macomb in relation to his Bond under the Act of Congress of 6th aug. 1846.

No. 1123. Nov. 17/46
Mr. Mckean

U.S. Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office 15 January 1847

Sir

I am advised that the plans proposed for the accomodation of the business of the Constitutional Treasury at this place, which were referred to the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia, for his sanction of the Alterations proposed, have been approved by that Officer, & have been forwarded by him to the Department at Washington. It remains for you to authorise the work to be done, and I earnestly solicit your early attention in the matter, as at present the business of the Mint & of the Constitutional Treasury are necessarily much embarrassed together.

Some additional expense to the estimated cost of the Alterations proposed will be required, say for the division of One of the Vaults into two compartments, which I beg you will sanction at same time.

I have the honor to be
Yr Obd Svt
John R. Mdemmado
Treasurer.

To / Hon: Robert J Walker
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City

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New Orleans Feby 15th 1847

Sir

I understand that heretofore no rooms have been assigned to the Treasurer of the Mint in this place, though most or all of the other officers of that establishment have them - that the law makes no provision on the subject but that it depends on your discretion & instructions and now as one of the other officers of the Mint Mr Lyle is about to resign rooms could be assigned to Mr McMurdo the present Treasurer without inconvenience to them and without additional expense to the Government -

It seems to me that above all others of the officers the Treasurer ought to have rooms allowed in the building - His responsibility is greater & his bonds than any other now exacted under the new Treasury system - The constant presence of no other person is so important to the government & himself as that of Treasurer - It seems to me that he ought not only to be allowed rooms in the mint but that he ought to be required to reside in them - The Treasurer with I understand write you in detail going all the necessary information and I only wish to bring to his friends and the friends of me & his securities who feel great interest on the subject to add my decided opinion in favour of his request -

With sentiments of high consideration I am

Respectfully your ob. Servt

G H Bowers

Hon R. J. Walker - Sec'y of Treasy -

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Copy

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans March 19th. 1847

Sir,

Mr. Macomb has laid before me your letter of 8th. instant. The amount paid by him under voucher 187 was for repairing the Wooden pavement at the main entrance of the Building, and within the enclosure - said pavement was laid, I think, in 1837 and was almost entirely decayed - a further expenditure of $150. will probably be necessary to put it in complete order -

Voucher No. 122 was for papering two rooms in the dwelling of the Superintendent; this paper was not of a costly character, and was used on much on the score of economy, as for any other reason - On this climate the wash put upon a wall usually requires renewing once a year, and at an expense but little short of that which has been gone to. This paper will last many years - We have an annual appropriation for contingent expenses including "repairs" in the words of the law - As these were not of an extraordinary character, and as other accounts for papering other portions of the building had been, from time to time, passed without my objection, I thought it unnecessary to consult the Secretary - If, however, after this explanation, you should still think it proper to have his authority, I will endeavour to obtain it, my desire has uniformly been, not to transcend my

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my respects of the 5th. Army.

Respectfully

your faithful Servant

P. N. D. Tyler

Comr

N. O. Branch Mint
New Orleans March 20, 1847

Sir,

I beg pardon for troubling you with a copy of a letter which I yesterday addressed to the Comptroller, in relation to the Suspension for your authority, of two items in the last quarterly accounts transmitted to the Department by Mr. Maunder - I hope the view I have taken of the case will be sustained by you, and that you will, at the same time, in that event, correct the impression which the Comptroller seems to be under, touching the power of the Superintendent to sanction, without the necessity of previously obtaining the authority of the Department, any necessary repairs not of an extraordinary character, & not involving alterations in the Building -

Very respectfully
Your ob Servant
D. McKenney
Supt.

Hon Robt J. Walker
Secretary of the
Treasury
Washington
D. C.

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N. O. Branch Mint
New Orleans March 30. 1845

Sir,

Your letter of the 13th. instant was, on its receipt, laid before our Comer and Melter for the purpose of obtaining from them the necessary information in relation to their respective Departments, to enable me to answer your inquiry — I now have the honor to enclose herewith a report upon the subject from each of those Officers — As an heavier Coinage occurred in the year 1844 I enclose for your satisfaction a Statement thereof, and am

Very respectfully
Your obed. Servant
J. P. McKenney
Supt.

Hon Robt J. Walker
Secy of the Treas
Washington
D. C.

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Copy.

Coiner's Office, U.S. Branch Mint
New Orleans March 27th 1847

Dr. J. W. Kennedy, Esq
Superintendent,
Sir,

In answer to the communication respecting the Amount of Coin which may be made in this Branch Mint in one month, permit me to state on the part of the Coining Department, That with fourteen men, the number heretofore allowed to this department, if Eagles alone were coined $3.000.000. if half Eagles $2.000.000. if Quarter Eagles $2.000.000. if Silver alone $600.000 and if Silver and Gold were worked together in the most convenient proportion $2.000.000 in Gold, and $200.000. in Silver might be coined in a single month. There has been no opportunity, since the improvements in the machinery of this department were completed, of testing its capacity, with the full complement of men, but from my experience in the months of April 1844 and from my knowledge of the value of the improvements once completed, I can speak with the utmost confidence of the full amount of the above estimate being coined, if fully supplied with Ingots. A further improvement may be made in the mode of working Gold, which will nearly double the amount of Coinage, with the same number of workmen, the improvements referred to above are given to you in

Statement of the Amount of Gold and Silver Bullion coined at the French Mint at New Orleans, in the year 1844; with the average amount of one month's production; deduced from the coinage of eight full months in some year, the whole force of the establishment being in active Operation

1844	Gold		Silver		Totals	
	Pieces	Value	Pieces	Value	Pieces	Value
January	14.000	140.000 "	236.000	118.000 "	250.000	258.000 "
February	28.500	228.000 "	174.000	51.000 "	202.500	276.000 "
March	176.000	880.000 "	436.000	164.000 "	612.000	1044.000 "
April	177.900	1238.000 "	342.000	140.000 "	519.900	1.378.000 "
May	30.000	220.000 "	558.000	250.000 "	588.000	470.000 "
June	40.000	200.000 "	378.000	189.000 "	418.000	389.000 "
July, in part,	1.400	7.000 "	. . . . .	. . . . .	1.400	7.000 "
August	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
September	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
October, in part,	3.000	30.000 "	. . . . .	. . . . .	3.000	30.000 "
November	7.500	45.000 "	410.000	161.000 "	417.500	206.000 "
December	5.000	25.000 "	431.000	125.500 "	436.000	150.500 "
Deduct ———	483.300	3.010.000 "	2.965.000	1198.500 "	3.448.300	4.208.500 "
July & Oct. in part,	4.400	37.000 "	. . . . .	. . . . .	4.400	37.000 "
Average of 8 full mos.	478.900	2.973.000 "	2965.000	1198.500 "	3.443.900	4.171.500 "
Ave. Coinage 1 month	59.862½	371.625 "	370.625	149.812 50	430.487½	521.437 50

U. S. French Mint, New Orleans
Treasurer's Office March 30th. 1847
John R. Mackrus de Treas.

Copy.

Melter Refiners Office, Branch Mint, New Orleans 26th Mar. 1849

J. W. Kennedy, Esq. Superintendent,

Sir, In answer to your inquiries as to the maximum capability of the Melting department for the manufacture of Gold and also Silver Ingots, say for the space of a month, I would premise that my present force consists of six men,

Were all our labor devoted to the production of Silver Ingots, say from Mexican dollars, clippings and other varieties of silver bullion immediately available, I think that with rather more than ordinary good luck, we might prepare near 700.000 ounces of ingots per month, enabling the coinage of Silver to reach, say $ 400.000 —

Devoting our attention exclusively to an adequate supply of Gold, immediately available, such as French coins, Sovereigns, European and Mexican coins, and clippings, we might produce in one month 350.000 ounces of Gold Ingots, sufficient to produce near $ 4.000.000 in Gold Coins —

Pursuing the above plans of exclusive attention to ingot making at the end of the month there might be a weeks work of putting matters to rights, getting up and refining grains &c, &c,

It is easy to estimate from the foregoing how great an amount of Gold and Silver Ingots together might be made,

Ordinarily an amount of the tedious operation of parting and the troublesome processes of refining, toughening &c

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which we often have to go through with, and also on account of the time taken in melting deposits for assay, the monthly efficiency of the Melting department, when applied to both Silver and Gold may be set down at near one third of the maximum estimates given above -

Respectfully, O. L. Riddell
Melter & Refiner

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U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans April 6. 1847.

Sir,

I have to request, that you will issue your warrant in favor of the Treasurer of this Branch Mint, for the sum of $13,000. to pay our expenses during the present quarter, as follows, viz:

For Salaries of Officers and Clerks — $3,225. "
" Wages of Workmen ..... " 4500. "
" Contingent and Incidental Exp.s ... " 5,275. "
$13,000 "

Mr. Macmurdo informs me, that his accounts for the last quarter will be transmitted to the Department, in the course of a few days. Permit me, respectfully, to ask your attention to this remittance as soon after their receipt as may be convenient. It is desirable, when practicable, that the persons employ'd in the Mint, the workmen particularly, most of whom have families, and are solely dependant upon their wages for support, should be punctually paid off at the close of each month.

I have to ask your authority for the employment of two additional Watchmen, or three if they should be found necessary. We have now three less than the number originally allowed, whereby the duties of the Captain of the Watch are rendered peculiarly arduous. The Mint Square is very extensive, measuring upwards of 200 feet in one direction, and nearly 400 in the other. I look upon this additional protection as desirable, independently of the amount deposited with us, under the act of Congress of the 6.th of August last. The compensation consequent upon your acquiescence in my application would, then, be properly chargeable to our annual Contingents

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appropriation, and greater security would, at the same time be afforded to the Public Revenue, without any charge upon the Sub Treasury – Your early consideration of the matter will greatly oblige

Very respectfully
Y.r obed.t Servant.

Wm Thomas

Hon Robt. J. Walker
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D. C.

The following persons were employed as Watchmen, at the Mint, at New Orleans during the year 1845–

William Whitney,	at $2.75	₰ day
Robert White	" $2	" "
E Daley	" $2	" "
Miguel Lamit	" $2	" "

Treasury Department
Registers Office April 20 1847
N H Gilbert

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U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans April 17. 1847

Sir,

I enclose, at the request of Mr. Ezler, late Coiner of this Mint, a copy of a report received from him, a short time before his resignation, in relation to the then condition of the Coining Department, arising from certain improvements by him made in the machinery, and in the process of coining generally. I hope, when the present Coiner (who entered upon his duties on the 1st inst) will have got fairly under way, to see the Dep't put upon the footing recommended by his predecessor.

Very respectfully
Your obed't Servant
D. M. Haines
Sup't

Hon. Rob't J. Walker
Sec'y of the Treas'y
Washington
D. C.

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Coiners Office U.S. Branch Mint
New Orleans January 5th 1847

J. J. W. Kennedy, Esq.
Superintendent
Sir,

As I am about to leave this institution in which I have devoted an seven years of my mechanical abilities to the improvement of the Machinery and the process of coining generally, it may not be inappropriate for me to call your attention to the present condition of the Coining department, and point out some of the particular improvements which have been made, and the extent to which these improvements have lessened the labor and expense of coining –

The hot rolling of ingots was formerly performed by three men, the ingots being required to pass through the rolls as many times, as possible while hot, rendered it necessary to turn the keys for setting the rolls closer together every time they passed through – To avoid this loss of time and dispense with the man necessary to catch the ingot with tongs as it came through, and hand it back to the operator, I arranged a simple apparatus for conducting the ingots through and from the rolls, to a position to be taken again by the operator – This was found to be so expeditious that six ingots could be rolled while hot by once turning the keys, This then dispensed with one man, and expedited the work about 200 per ct

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and brought the ingots out more straight, which made them more convenient to handle in the subsequent operations — But this had not been in operation long, before it was discovered by the ingenious and highly talented Chief Coiner of the Mother Mint, that there was no necessity for rolling ingots hot — This was indeed a very important discovery and allowed us at once to make arrangements for rolling a much greater number without stopping to steam the Keys The apparatus for conducting the ingots through the rolls was now more useful than before, and it then only required a set of cars adapted to the purpose for receiving the proper number of ingots at one time, to bring this operation to its present state of perfection, by which a boy fourteen years old, can, heat down (as this operation is called) 50,000 Oz. of Silver ingots in a day. The advantages here attained were extended as far as practicable to the rolls for finishing strips, so that only one man is now required for that purpose, and he can perform just as much work as ten men could formerly —

The annealing of strips next claimed my attention this was an extremely tedious and laborious operation, as every strip was required to be bent into the form of an S to enable them to lie upon their edges when placed in the furnace I caused to be made a set of iron clamps which would receive fifty strips each, and hold them in such form that they could be moved about in the furnace to prevent by any one part of them from getting more heated than another It was found that the strips could be much more easily placed in the clamps when bent, as was formerly required, an

that 150 to 200 Strips could be put at one time into the furnace, and that they could be much more evenly heated than before, when only 50 Strips could be at one time put into the furnace, and with less attention from the workmen. It was also found that the tedious operation required before straightening the strips was entirely dispensed with, and as by a single movement of the operator the 50 strips were made perfectly straight, in which state they were all by one movement immersed in water, and again all by once handling placed on a car, thus saving the time of handling each strip separately for each of these purposes, besides obviating entirely the evils arising from the short crooks which could not be prevented by the old plan. I think it may safely be said that 50 per cent of the labor in annealing is saved by this process of clamping, while a degree of perfection is attained which by the old process could not be effected — An object is now attained in this branch of the business worth mentioning is, that one man can perform alone, every operation of completing the strips from ingots — The next important improvement adopted here, was that of greasing the strips without dipping as even proved was invented by Mr. Beale of the Mother Mint —

The drawing is next in the progress of the operation, the improvement made in the machine for this purpose needs no better commendation, than that it was immediately adopted at the Mother Mint — The drawing is now performed by one man, nearly twice as fast as it formerly was by two, the whole cost of the alteration in this machine not exceeding $10 —

A greater degree of safety and expedition has been effected

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in the mode of adjusting strips for punching; first by the arrangement of a car for receiving about 40 strips and corresponding trial planchets in such a manner as to prevent the possibility of mistake when a large number are under trial, and thereby allowing the operator to go through with a much greater number of trials at a time, while the strips and trial pieces are under his own immediate controll, 2nd. the difficulty of adjusting to the proper weights has been much lessened by using two punches, (and in working gold three) of different diameters. This is of much importance in making gold planchetts, as by this means we can make any number of quarter eagles without the least difficulty in bringing them within the legal limits of variation from standard weight, without filing — In drawing and cutting, one man can now perform every operation alone, while before these improvements it was customary for two to make the trials in adjusting, and was absolutely necessary for two to manage the draw bench, but since this machine has been improved the Director has devised and caused to be made a very complete and direct-acting steam draw bench, which I believe will supersede all old machinery now in use —

The roasting of greasy planchetts is now abandoned in consequence of the new mode of greasing the strips, as before mentioned, some difficulty was found in doing this, until improvements were made in the mode of bleaching — The milling apparatus has been much improved in this Mint — The machines which were sent here, although a great improvement on the former process of milling, were still very far behind the present machinery — At the time we were required to

make a very great amount of small coins, it was found that half a day was required to mill 20.000 half dimes, since it was necessary to pass them twice through the machine — Alterations were then made in this machine by which 20.000 pieces were at one time milled in 20 minutes, and its regular performance was 800 pieces pr. minute — This improvement consisted in making a continuous ring for the inside die, by which continual feeding was allowed. This improvement was adopted at the Mother Mint, whether taken from this I do not know, But the entire ring with three grooves one above the other had been in use here about a year when first used at that Mint, — New machines have since been built by Mr. Peale combining all these improvements in a machine of much better proportions and of splendid design — The annealing of planchets for bleaching is done in the ordinary furnace for Ingots, by placing them in sheet iron cylinders containing each about 1000 oz. — The plan was adopted by my predecessor and is a very good one, because the planchetts can be evenly heated with little trouble, and no separate furnace is required for the purpose, as it is common for us to anneal planchets and ingots in the furnace at the same time — An entirely new arrangement has been adopted for bleaching, by which the planchetts, from the time they are put into the furnace are not required to be lifted by the operator — They are taken to the acid by a crane, and then to the washing apparatus which is so arranged as to wash away every trace of acid, which it is found gives a much better surface for coining them when the planchetts were merely dipped in water, as some of the

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acid would then remain and give a thick white coating to the silver, which required a greater pressure to remove, and the remaining acid I have thought acted somewhat upon the face of the coining die. The planchetts are taken to the roaster by the same crane. The roaster and riddler combined is one of the best improvements made here, it is a double cylinder containing saw dust heated by steam from the engine boiler. The heating is instantaneous, while there is no danger of overheating and staining the saw dust. The cylinder is caused to revolve by the action of a belt from the shaft of the Steam engine, and when the planchetts are heated, so that the moisture is removed, a door is opened in the end of the steam cylinder, and the planchetts pass into another cylinder attached thereto, perforated with holes which will not allow the smallest coin to pass through, but as they revolve, will perfectly riddle the saw-dust from them. The axis of the machine being placed on an angle of about 10 degrees from the level line, causes the planchetts to reach the lowest end by the time they are sufficiently riddled. another door is then opened and they pass out into a box placed upon a car for drawing them away. The improvement in this process enables one man to bleach with ease 40.000 Oz. of silver planchetts in a day, while by the former process two men were required to perform the operation and they could not bleach as much as one can now do, while some part of their work was extremely laborious. The planchetts are also much improved by this process for stamping. Much of my time was formerly spent in making alterations & repairs in the Coining Presses, for, when I commenced my duties here not more than one of them was in a condition to be depended

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upon for a single day, without interruption — All the improvements which have been made in the Mother Mint in these machines have been introduced here, so far as was practicable, and the new dollar press, embodies, it is believed, all the improvements which have been made in these machines — It was built from the patterns of the splendid machine of the same dimensions in the Mother Mint, and it is believed is as well made in every respect as that machine —

Much of my attention was given to remodelling our Coining room and arranging the machinery in its present position, so as to meet your wishes with regard to the requirements of that branch of the business, as well as to present a tasteful exhibition to the eye of visitors &c in all of which my anticipations have been fully met —

It has not been until quite lately that the improvements here enumerated have been so far completed as to test their full efficiency in connexion with each other, but for some months past it has been my object to test fairly the number of workmen required to man the department efficiently for the business required of it, and I have become fully convinced that nine men including the foreman are all that can at any time be required even with an increase of one or two hands in the melting department — I have fully tested every branch of the business, and find that seven men will fully man the machinery for Coining 15.000 ℔ of Silver in a day and perform it regularly, which is much more than the average requirements of the department heretofore — One machinist can do all the regular repairing and fitting

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of Machinery, and I think one more should be retained as a kind of porter to transfer the Bullion from one operation to another, and to assist in counting &c, which will make the department complete with its Officer and nine men.

It is not probable that the melting department with its present number of five men can supply the coining department with nine — I would therefore recommend that two more be added to that department, and that the three other employes men, be dispensed with as soon as convenient, and if it is desirable to keep the present number of workmen upon the Paypoll, let the porters & door Keeper be attached to it —

Such is my conviction that the above number is all that can be required in the coining department, that were I to remain here, I should desire that the department might be put at once upon that basis —

Very Respectfully
& Faithfully Yrs
R B Taylor
Coiner

P. O. Dept
April 19th 1847

Dear Sir,

During the last summer, I made application to you on behalf of the P. M. at New Orleans, requesting a supply of Copper Coin to be sent to the mint at New Orleans for the supply of the Post office at that City - The Postmaster informs me that his letter was submitted to the Superintendent at Philadelphia Dr. Patterson who decided that it was inexpedient, he having sent $1000 "or some sum of which was not used & sent back"

Since the passage of the late law requiring the prepayment of transient Newspapers, Circulars & advertisements &c it becomes more important than ever to have a supply at New Orleans for all the South Western States - If you will direct the Copper Coin to be forwarded to the mint at New Orleans, the P. Master that City will be invited to pay for the same & the expense about One Thousand Dollars will be enough at present

I am respectfully
Your Ob. Sert.
C. A. Wickliffe

The Sec. of the Treasury
Washington

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(Private)

My dear Sir,

The health, as well as comfort, of my wife & children, particularly, during this exceedingly oppressive weather, requires that the upper part of my dwelling should receive all the ventilation of which it is susceptible, and it is desirable, on that account, that our bedroom Story should, when necessary, be thrown open. - This could not be done hitherto, without exposure, in consequence of the constant use of the back gallery above, as a means of communication between the room lately occupied by you, and Mr. Tyler's residence. - Now, that you have, in your quality of Coiner, taken possession of that residence which, I believe, is sufficiently ample for your accommodation, and no longer require the room referred to (which at the instance of Mr. T. was temporarily detached from the dwelling of the Superintendent, 1st. by my predecessor, and then by myself) it is my wish, for the reason above stated, that that communication should be closed. - It is needless, I hope, for me to assure you, that this note is written with the best of feelings on my part, and that my sole wish is to secure to my family, that privacy which I alone, of all the Officers of the Mint have, so far, not enjoyed.

Respectfully, Yr. Obt. Sert.
(Signed) Jo. M. Kennedy

John Brooks, Esq.

14th June 47

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U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans June 18. 1847

Sir,

On the 14th instant, waiving my official authority, and as an act of courtesy, I communicated to you, in a Note which I marked "private", my wishes in regard to a discontinuance of the use by you as a passage way, of the gallery upon which are situated my family bedrooms.- A mere intimation of these wishes, should, considering the ground upon which I had put them, have been enough.

In your letter of the 16th instant, containing views and suggestions in which I do not concur, you refuse "to accede voluntarily" to my request.

I now, as the Superintendent of this Mint, appropriate each of the three passage ways adjoining the rear of the three Stories, constituting the dwelling of that Officer, to his especial and exclusive use, leaving in your possession until such time as I may require it myself, the room occupied by you up to the time of your appointment, and giving you, as another act of courtesy, if it be an accommodation, ingress to your Department thro' the passage way of the 1st or basement Story of my residence, which you are also at liberty to use for domestic purposes.

I have taken this step after much deliberation, and under the conviction, that the right entrance to any part

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of the Mint proper, (where any other carries with it an interference) is, as in Philadelphia, thro' its front door, that it never was intended by the Department, and that you have no right, to enjoy complete and uninterrupted seclusion in your own house, and, as a matter of mere personal convenience to invade the privacy of mine.

Your Obt. Servant
(Signed) P. M. Kennedy
Supt.

John Brooks, Esq.
Comd.

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Comm's Office 15th June 1847

J. M. Kennedy
Superintendent

Sir

Your note of this morning relative to a passage way and room, has just been received. It is a matter in which I feel a direct interest resulting from considerations of domestic convenience and facilities in transacting the busines pertaining to my office. I shall answer your note therefore as soon as practicable say in the course of a day or two.

Respectfully Your
Obedient servant
John Brooke

(Signed)

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Branch Mint of the United States
Comer's Office June 16th. 1847

J. M. Kennedy Esqr.
Superintendent

Sir,

In answer to your note of
the 14th. inst. relative to a room occupied by me, & also in respect to
the gallery passage leading from my family room to the room allu-
ded to and also directly to the Machine shops, I would respectfully
say:- that I fully appreciate your desire for privacy & seclusion, & I have
often regretted that we could not more conveniently have apartments more to
our liking. But bearing in mind that we are in a peculiar way joint tenants
of a manufactory, we cannot expect to enjoy all the desiderata that may be
commanded elsewhere. If I rightly understand you, you desire to appropri-
ate exclusively to your own family the gallery passage way alluded to, which
has always hitherto been open for the use of the Coiner. The loss of this passage
would really throw considerable inconvenience upon me; inasmuch as I
spend two thirds of my time during working hours in one or other of the
Machine shops, & wishing as frequently as may be to see my family who
are now in delicate health, I should in that case have to ascend & descend
3 perpendicular feet of stairway, besides going a great way round, very many
times a day. I trust therefore you will not deem me wanting in courtesy,
good feeling, or a disposition to oblige, when I inform you that I cannot
voluntarily accede to your proposal to deprive me of the right of way so long
enjoyed by me, my predecessor, & his predecessor, since the commencement of
the first operations.

Since the receipt of your note I have thought as much on this

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subject as the time would allow. The inconveniences which we both suffer seem to have had their origin in the fact, that your dwelling is interposed between my dwelling & the Coining department under my charge. It has strongly suggested itself to me that if we could without too much trouble make a favorable exchange of premises, that we might both be better & more pleasantly situated. With this thought I have sketched out our adjacent premises, (and herewith send you the skeleton) and thought to submit to you the following ideas of a partial exchange of premises, & if the plan meets your approval, I shall be glad, if not, then let it pass for what it is worth (as the saying is)

At present my family occupies 3 floors in the wing (coloured red on the plan) each floor measuring 27½ feet by 36½ feet including 3 galleries each 8½ feet by 27½ feet. I also occupy in the main building a washroom mark W (coloured red) 20 by 31½ feet. I also occupy in the main building a room as a bath room marked B. of nearly the same dimensions.

Your family occupies on the ground floor of the main building 42½ by 57 feet, in the 2nd & 3rd floors 42½ by 77 feet on each floor including a gallery on each floor 8½ feet wide & seperately 57. 77 & 77 feet long and also the attic finished in bed rooms about 1000 square feet, (the whole coloured yellow on the plans) Your floors extend over a total area of 9.967 square feet equal to about 25 rooms each 20 feet square My family occupies an area of 4.434 feet of flooring equal to 11 rooms each 20 feet square, I cannot suppose therefore that you desire more room your object being the exclusive use of the 3rd gallery for the sake of privacy.

Now here is my suggestion, let me have the 1st & 2nd stories of your premises, & I will deliver to you, all the premises now occupied by me in the wing. & you can have also the whole of the 3rd & 4th stories. In short you will thus have as at present most ample room for your accommodations

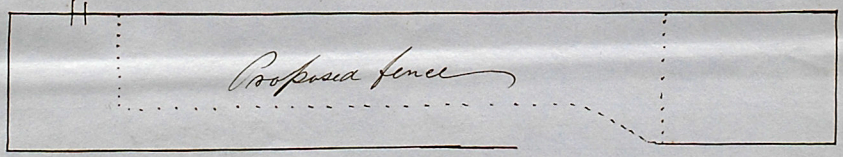
and can occupy the same without the unintentional intrusion of which you now complain; while I will be adjacent to my business & will not have to pass by your doors in going from my house to the coining works.

Very respectfully your
Obt. Servant
(Signed) John Brooks
Coiner

P. S.

In the event of your not approving my suggestions as to an exchange of premises, being anxious to respond as far as practicable to your wishes, I would suggest that the 3rd story gallery which is 8½ feet wide be divided lengthwise by a Venitian blind fence say 6 feet high you appropriating the inner portion of the gallery 5 feet wide & allowing me & my family to have the outer portion 3½ feet wide.

The cost of this fence would be comparatively small & if it would be inappropriate for the Mint to pay the expence, I will build the N.W. half & you may build the balance



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Branch Mint of the United States
Coiner's Office, June 19th 1847.

J. M. Kennedy
Superintendant

Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 18th. wherein you "as the Superintendant of this Mint" appropriate each of the three passages or ways adjoining the rear of your dwelling to your own especial and exclusive use" I would by leave to say, that as these ways or open galleries are the only direct ways of access between the Coiner's dwelling and his business, and as they were evidently designed in part for his use, and have been for ten years past enjoyed by me and my predecessors in office, and moreover for reasons set forth in my letter to you of the 16th. inst I would respectfully protest against your decision in the premises.

You propose to deprive me of important rights and privileges enjoyed without dispute by my predecessors, while my Commission as Coiner from the President of the United States expressly authorizes and empowers me to have, and to hold the office of Coiner with all the "rights, privileges &c" thereunto of right belonging I sincerely believe that your plan of exclusive personal appropriation is an unwarrantable

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infringement upon my rights as Coiner. I cannot therefore avail myself of what you propose to grant me temporarily as "an act of courtesy" permission to make use of the basement ~~story~~ passage way, appropriated to your colored servants. This way encumbered by washtubs, kettles, dirty clothes and negroes I have seldom used. It is too round-about, unpleasant and humiliating, and to use the mildest possible expression of my feelings, I would say that I am sorry you made me such an offer in such a way. Moreover I cannot consent to accept in such courtesy what I consider I have a clear right to, fortified by long possession.

By your plan of self appropriation I should not only experience much inconvenience embarassment and loss of time in working hours, but I should during the rest of the 24. hours, feel far more concern for the safety of the Coining dies and implements, and large amounts of Bullion & Coins officially in my possession. Our day guard in the Mint is more nominal than real our night watch confessedly weak and insufficient; our Vaults easily perforated. I have hitherto exercised a watchful care over the money dies and Bullion under my charge, not unfrequently visiting and inspecting the premises allended to late at night and especially during stormy howling weather. Your plan would render this supervision on my part not easily

practicable and indeed impracticable in very bad weather, when danger is most to be apprehended. It often happens in the preparation of Paint machinery that large pieces of work have to be case-hardened, then operations require my attention at various times through the course of the night for two or three nights in succession and as in the passage from my house to the Coining department you turn me out of doors for several hundred yards you render the duty inconvenient and onerous, and indeed impracticable in stormy weather.

When you have again revolved the whole matter over in your mind, I trust you may perceive the injustice you are about to do me, and by leaving me with the reasonable rights enjoyed by my predecessors, put an end to the matter. But if you persist in taking from me the right of passing along the galleries, I make you this request; to lay the whole matter before the Director, by sending him all the correspondence with the sketches of the premises and asking his decision in the case.

Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Signed, John Brooks
Coiner

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U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans June 19, 1847

Sir,

I have this instant read your letter of this days date, and will refer it, with the balance of the correspondance, to the secretary of the Treasury to whom the decision of the question at issue by Law belongs. My own decision must in the meantime stand.

Respectfully
Yr. obt. Servant
(Signed) Chas. M. Reno
Supt.

Jno. Brooks Esq.
Coiner

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Branch Mint of the U. S.
Coiner's Office June 19. 1837

J. R. Kennedy
Superintendent

Sir

Having discovered some errors in my letter of the 16th inst. and the plans I beg you will return them to me for half an hour that I may make the necessary corrections when I will again send them to you

Respectfully
your obedient servant
John Brooke
Coiner

(Signed)

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U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans June 17. 1847

Sir,

I would prefer having the errors of which you speak, pointed out in a seperate communication which shall also go before the department— Every link in the chain should be laid before the Secretary, in its proper place

Respectfully
yr. obt. svt
Jos M Kennedy
Capt.

Jno Brooks Esq
Comr

Signed

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Branch Mint of the United States
Coiner's Office June 19th 1847.

J. M. Kennedy
Superintendent

Sir,

I acknowledge the receipt of your second note of this day in reference to the corrections I wish to make in my letter of the 16th. As you decline to return my letter for correction, please make in it the following alterations, 3d page 1st line read 20 feet instead of 40 feet. Please mark on the plan my basement washroom W. and also mark the Bed and bathroom (nearly directly over W) B.

I would also acknowledge the receipt of your 1st note of this day, in which I am apprised that you do not accede to my request to submit the "question at issue, to the Director at Philadelphia: but that you will lay the matter directly before the Secretary of the Treasury for his decision. Being entirely unskilled in the diplomatic customs of the Mint, if I may be allowed the expression, I supposed that, as the general business of the Branch Mints are by law under the controll and regulation of the Director, subject to the approbation of the Secretary of the Treasury, it would be very proper to lay the matter before the Director as our immediate superior, and indeed it still seems to me, since the Director must necessarily

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be thoroughly acquainted with the question of right at issue, that it would be both expedient and proper to lay the matter before him; there being no danger that he will assume the decission of a question at issue, which by law belongs not to him.

Reposing implicit confidence in the justice of the Secretary of the Treasury, I should regret to be the means of troubling him unnecessarily, as he has been, and is arduously engaged with the weighty affairs of the nation. Submitted directly to him he would unquestionably first refer to the Director; and as you inform me that your own decission must in the meantime stand, in order to facilitate matters I still desire to put the Director in immediate possession of a complete and faithful copy of the correspondence you will therefore much oblige me by loaning me for an hour or so, the plans or sketches which I sent you on the 16th. in order that I may copy them for that purpose.

I shall send nothing to the Director capacite, and trust that you will allow me to peruse a copy of your intended letter to the Secretary of the Treasury, which is to accompany the correspondence to be transmitted by you to him.

Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
(Signed) John Brooks
Colonel

To be read, if it please the Secretary of the Treasury, after a perusal of the correspondence herewith enclosed.

U. S. Branch Mint,
New Orleans July 1847.

Sir,

The settlement of this question lies in the answer to the inquiry: Am I, or not, the Superintendent of this Mint?, and my decision, in the premises, does not conflict with its interests. The stand taken by the Coiner is an extraordinary one, and his general tone of official equality, altogether incompatible with a becoming spirit of discipline and subordination. I will be as brief as the nature and number of his objections will permit. For the sake of his own "domestic convenience and facilities," he makes two propositions. —

The fence thro' the bed-room gallery is inadmissible; for not only does it cut me off (as you will find by the drawing) from all communication with the Mint, on that floor, but, to act as a perfect screen, and insure complete seclusion, it must be so constructed as to exclude both light and air. In his second proposition, the Coiner is totally at variance with himself, for in his desire to get the 1st and 2d Stories of my residence, embracing the best, and only rooms capable of accommodating my family, he forgets the "really considerable inconvenience" to which my assent to an exchange of apartments would subject him, and actually proposes to throw between himself and his "Machine Shops", whenever he wishes to see his family, (which is "as frequently as may be", indeed, "very many times a day") the

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dame "40 perpendicular feet of stair way", which he has just declared his unwillingness to encounter.- This part of his course requires no comment.- The Coiner now takes ground in favor of the public interests, which, he would have us believe, are inseparably interwoven with his own, but unfortunately for this position of his, his residence is distant not more than thirty yards from his place of business, and, (so far from being "turned out of doors") as a means of communicating therewith, I have assigned him, thro' my premises, a passage at once decent, respectable, and sufficiently sheltered from the inclemencies of the weather, one of which his predecessor, to my knowledge, frequently availed himself, which he admits he has sometimes used, which I myself am in the daily habit of using, and thro' which he can, leisurely, pass from his own house to his department, in less than one minute's time.- This, for all Mint purposes, I take to be sufficient.-

I might safely rest the case here, but allow me, if you please, still further to satisfy you that I am right.

The responsibilities of the Officers of the Philadelphia Mint, are greater than ours.- Their annual deposites and Coinage are usually greater.- The amount of Coins and Bullion in their custody, is consequently larger.- They keep a supply of dies, not only for their own use, but for that of the three Branch Mints.- And yet not one of them resides in the Building.- Our own Treasurer, too, with a charge, at all times heavier, and more important, since the operation of the Sub Treasury Law, than that of the Coiner, is not, here, provided with a residence.-

The designs for this Building were made, if I be not mistaken, by the accomplished Coiner of the Mint of the U. S.

Mr Peale, under the supervision of the Director. They subsequently received the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury. The safety and construction of the places of deposite of our public treasure and Coining implements, must have been, with these gentlemen, matters of grave consideration, and I cannot, for a moment, entertain the idea, that they were so neglectful of their duty, as to give us Vaults so very easily perforated".

I, some days ago, took upon myself the responsibility of adding one to the number of our night guard. It, now consists of four able bodied men judiciously distributed, and a Captain Almarkable for his vigilance. He goes the round of the premises frequently during the night, to see that the watchmen are not sleeping at their posts, and during the intervals, is constantly peeping thro' the Halls or Corridors upon which the Vaults are situated. The personal inspection of which the Coiner speaks, appears, then, to be superfluous. If not, then is the passage way I have afforded him.

The enjoyment of my galleries by his predecessors, as Mr. Brooks says, "since the commencement of Mint operations", is easily accounted for. The house has had but three tenants. Mr. Bradford the 1st Supt. had a very small family, and no daughter, I am informed, over 5 years old. So that portion of his Residence, not opening upon the galleries, could easily accommodate him, and as his privacy, consequently, could not be, materially intruded upon, it was indifferent to him, whether the Coiner used them or not. The dwelling was afterwards, with my permission, occupied by the Treasurer of the Mint, Mr Cammack. He had no right to close these

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passages, and the remedy, which was in my hands, not having been applied for, the Comr continued to use them - With me, the case is different - I have a very large family, and there being among them, three daughters that are now lately grown, the thing has become intolerable - This inconvenience has not been put upon me, by the person alone filling the office of Comr - Those passage ways have been perfect thoroughfares, not only for every member of this family, but for others, both male and female, who, at different periods, have been inmates of his house for months together, for the workmen of the Coining Department, when communicating with his premises, and for his servants. -

If any operations after night fall, have within the last 18 months taken place in that Department, it has been without my consent - Should any become imperiously necessary, which I do not apprehend, there is the same passage way for the use of the Comr. -

With an apology for having detained you so long, let me say in conclusion, that the Superintendent of this Mint, is the only one, among the "joint tenants of this Manufactory", who has not been at home in his own house. -

I have excluded Mr Brooks from the use of my bed-room gallery, for the reasons set forth in my first note, and will here venture the assertion, that if a similar one had been addressed by Dr Patterson, to any officer of the Mint over which he presides, a ready and immediate acquiescence would have been the consequence. -

I require the exclusive use of the 2d gallery of my premises because it fronts my dining room and pantries, where my

wife and daughters may be seen frequently," indeed, "very many times a day", in the language of the Comr, attending to their domestic avocations. -

Lastly, I have given that Officer a passage way thro' my premises, sufficient for all Mint purposes. -

I am perfectly aware of the time and labor required by, and the great solicitude incident to, the multifarious and weighty business of your Office, but I cannot resist the belief, that you will deem it not only a duty, but a pleasure, to seize the opportunity now presented, of upholding the inviolability of rights, which in civilized Communities, are regarded as Sacred, and that you will not suffer Mr. Brooks, clap a wanton invasion of those rights, for his mere personal convenience, among his "reasonable privileges."

Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt

Hon. Robt. J Walker
Secretary of the Treasury

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W. M. Kennedy, Supt.
U. S. Branch Mint
N. O. July 5. 1847

Relative to certain papers
Was attached to the residence
of the Superintendent, &
including —

MK

Correspondence
between the Supt. and
Coiner in relation thereto.

Transmd to
Director (D Patten
at Phila) for
authority
req'd Returning
the papers
Phila July 13/47
McKean

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Estimate of the Expenses of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1847.

	Dollars	Dollars
For Salaries of Officers and Clerks, viz:		
The Superintendent	2,500	
Treasurer	2,000	
Assayer	2,000	
Coiner	2,000	
Melter and Refiner	2,000	
Two Clerks, at $1200. each	2,400	
		12,900
For wages of workmen		19,000
For incidental and contingent expenses, including fuel, materials, stationery, water-rent, and wastage		21,000
For Machinery and Machinists		4,500
Total amount required		57,400

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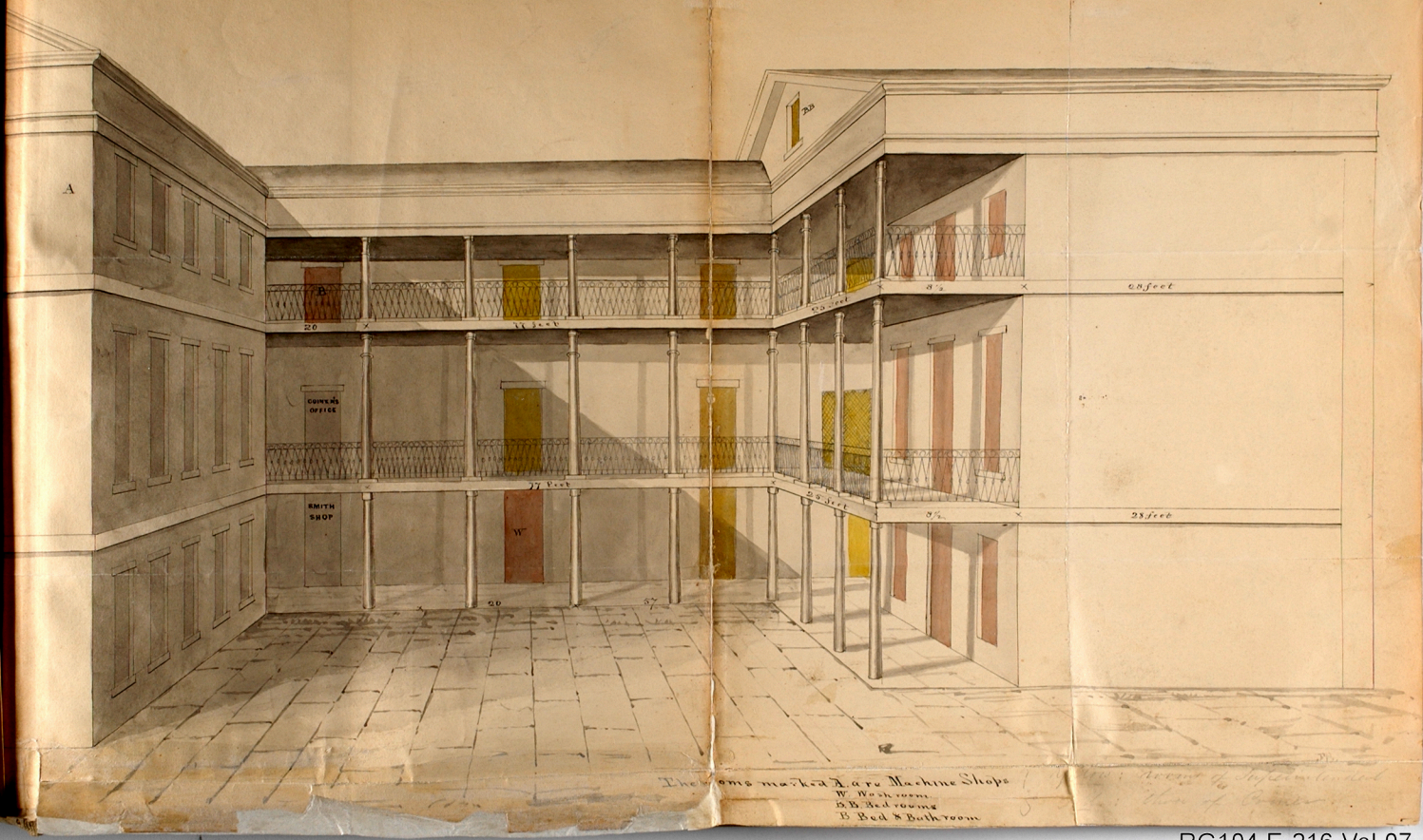

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BB Bed room
B Bed & Bath room

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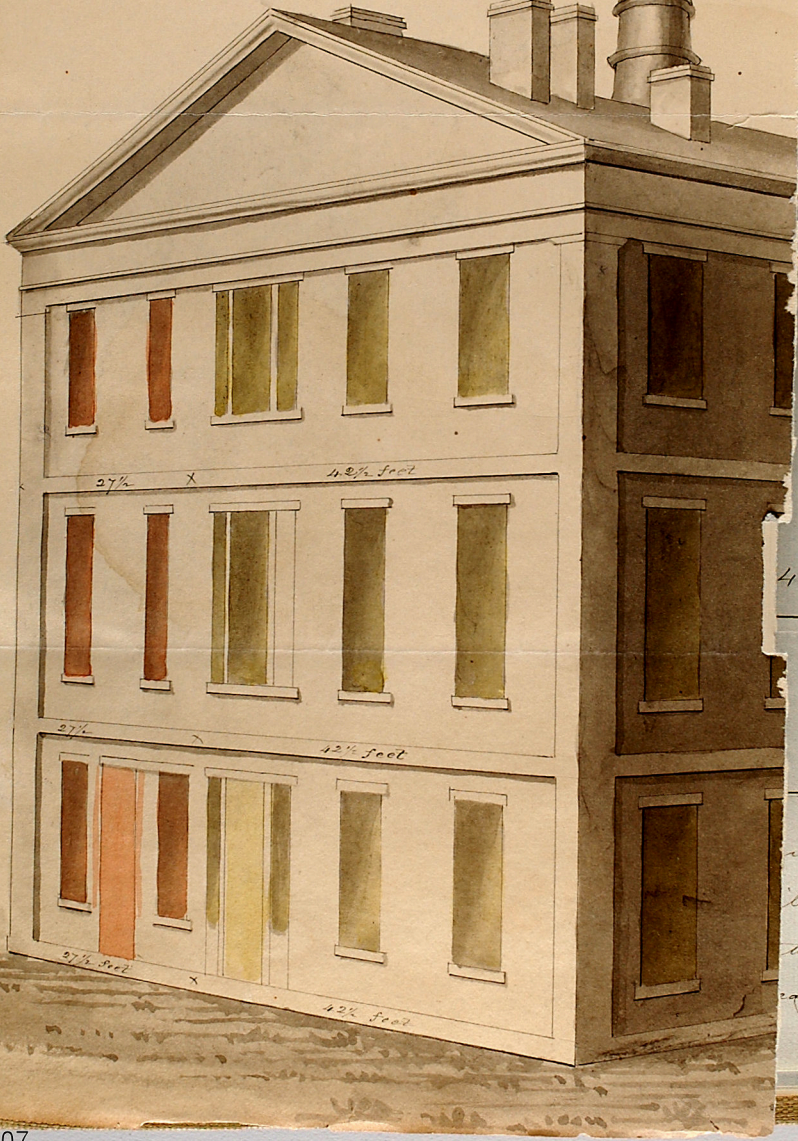

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Grounds of the Estimates of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1847.

Estimated means and expenses of the 4th Quarter of 1845, and the 1st and 2nd Quarters of 1846

Probable Means

1. Available Balance in the hands of the Treasurer Sept. 30 '45	$ 3,188.12
2. Appropriations undrawn and still available	43,900.–
3. Estimated legal deductions from deposites to June 30'46	200.–
Total of means	$ 47,288.12

Probable Expenses

1. Salaries of Officers and Clerks	$ 9,675.–	
2. Wages of workmen	15,000.	
3. Wastage of the whole year 1845	6,000	
4. Incidental and Contingent Expenses	15,500	
Total of Expenses		$ 46,175.

Difference, being the probable excess of means over expenses and which must be deducted from the Appropriations for the next fiscal year $ 1,113.12

The items of Salaries and wages are Specific and correspond to the Appropriations. The above balance $ 1113.12 is wholly available therefore in the Incidental and Contingent Expenses, the appropriations for which must be diminished by this Amount in the next Year.

All

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All the Expenses of the Current fiscal year (ending June 30 '46) may be set down at $56,200 with a coinage of three to four millions. Assuming that an equal amount of Coinage will be effected in the year following, we must estimate as the Expenses of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1847, including wastage of the whole of 1846, and deducting also the Surplus of $1113,12 in the Incidental and Contingent Expenses of the Current fiscal year, as shown above, and including an additional sum of $4,500. for repairs and new Machinery which have become necessary - - - - - - $59,600

Subtracting therefrom Estimated legal deductions from Deposites during the year .200

There will remain to be asked to Cover the Expenses of the year ending June 30th, 1847 - namely

For the 1st year ending Dec. 31st 1846 which includes the Wastage of the whole year 1844 and also the appropriation required for repairs and new Machinery - $34,950

For the 1st year ending June 30th 1847 - - - - 24,450

Total amount as for Estimates Submitted $59,400

Branch Mint of the United States at New Orleans

Springfield Mass. July 12th 1847

Sir

I desire to present a bill to the Treasurer of the US Branch Mint at New Orleans, to be paid from the contingent fund of said Mint, for expenses incurred by me, when Coiner of that establishment, in building an entrance to the coiners dwelling house. The necessity of the entrance was apparent to the Supt. & the Director, and I incurred the expense & executed the work with the consent of the Supt. but did not present the bills for payment, thinking I could afford the expense on account of the benefit it would be to me. But the reasons heretofore stated to the President caused me to resign my office so soon that the great benefit of the outlay for the entrance will be enjoyed by my successor. And I therefore think it but just and proper that I should present my bill for payment. I have desired to avoid subjecting the Treasurer of the Mint, to any unnecessary responsibility, by its payment, as from its unusual appearance it is liable to rejection at the Treasury Department, and now submit the question for your approval before the bill is presented for payment. Enclosed is the bill, a certificate from the principle architect of New Orleans, of the cost of the entrance, and a letter from the Superintendent of the mint giving it as his opinion

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that my claim is founded in justice &c

Should you in your judgement think it proper for me to present the bill, I beg you will return it to me with a certificate of your approval either of the entirety of the bill

Very Respectfully yours

P. B. Tyler

Hon. Robt. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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Application has
been made
to Adjt Gen
Thornton for
Arms — it appears
this was not
come to Depart for
Instructions, but
asks the U.S. to pay
the Cost of
Reinstation

J. 110. Lady 14/47
Boston

M&K

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans April 10th 1847

Sir,

I respectfully take the liberty of presenting to you, Philos B. Tyler Esq.d late Coiner of this Mint. Mr. Tyler passes thro Washington on his way home, for the purpose of having a conference with you upon matters of im=
=portance both to Government and to himself.
His mechanical abilities are of so high an order, that they will, doubtless, of themselves command your attention - As to the application involving his own personal interest, which he designs to lay before you, I am equally sure that, as it is founded upon justice, you will give it a favourable consideration -

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
W. M. Reno
Treas.

Hon Robt J. Walker
Secy of the Treas
Washington

New Orleans 10th April 1847

I Certify that the front door and arrangement of the Staircase built by Mr. Tyler to the dwelling house attached to the Mint, appears to me to be a good arrangment in Conformity with the Architecture of the building, and very necessary as an entrance to the dwelling.

the probable Cost of the Same Was about two hundred forty five dollars.

J. N. de Pouilly
Architect.

U.S. Branch Mint New Orleans

To P.B. Tyler Dr.

To expenses incurred in building a front entrance to the Coiners dwelling house. $150.

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U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans July 21. 1847

Sir,

The Melter & Refiner of this Mint, has made application to me for a balcony, in front of his resi= =dence, similar to that which, about two years ago, I was permitted me to cause to be attached to my dwelling and that of the Coiner. The length to be about forty feet, and the cost according to an es= =timate which I have rec.d, about $140.

As, in my own case, I judged it necessary to obtain the sanction of the Department, it is proper that, in this instance, the request of the Officer above named, should be submitted for your con= =sideration.

I am very respectfully
Your ob. servant.
W. E. Mumford
Sup.

Hon Robt. J. Walker
Sec'y of the Treas.
Washington.

N. O. Branch Mint
New Orleans Oct 9. 1847

Sir,

I have been requested by Mr. Maconnedo, to state to you, that by a letter received by him from the Comptroller under date of Sept. 14. 1847, it appears that the two following items in his accounts have been suspended for your authority, viz:

"Expenses of Collection of Drafts,
Drafts suspended 1st. quarter 1847" — 168. 51"

"Amount charged for illuminating the Mint" — . . . . . 16. 00"

In relation to the first item I had the honor to address you on the 7th. of June last, and enclosed at the same time a letter of explanation from Mr. Maconnedo, on the subject —

The illumination of the Mint was, as you are no doubt aware, in honor of our Victories in Mexico, and at the request of our City authorities, directed to the Citizens generally, as well as to those having the superintendence of our Public Buildings — The Mint is a very extensive edifice, and was lighted upon an economical scale —

Respy. Your. Obt. Servt.
D. McManus
Supt.

Hon. Robt. J. Walker
Secretary of the Treasury

D. C. McManus, Supt.

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U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans Nov 20. 1847

Sir

Agreeably to your instructions, I herewith enclose a Statement shewing the Coinage at this Mint, from the 1st. inst. to this date and will now send you a Statement of the Coinage daily until the end of the month.

It may be proper here to remark that it is not always practicable for the Coiner to make daily Deliveries of coins. This is attributable either to a want of ingots from the Melting Department, or to the necessity of mixing for adjustment according to the legal standard, such Coins as he may have on hand, with others of the same denomination, yet unmade.

Very Respectfully
Your obed. Servt.
J. P. Mackenzie
Supt.

Hon Robt. J. Walker
Sec'y. of the Treas'y
Washington.

Supt. U. S. Branch Mint, N. O.
Nov 20. 1847

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Statement of the Coinage at the Branch Mint of the United States, New Orleans, from the 1st. to the 19th. November 1847, inclusive

Denomination	Number of pieces	Value		Total value	
		Dollars	cts	Dollars	cts
Gold,					
Eagles,	6.000.	60.000	00		
				60.000	00
Silver,					
Half Dollars,	130.000	65.000	00		
				65.000	00
Total value of Coinage				125.000	00

Branch Mint of the United States,
New Orleans, 20th. November 1847

J. M. Comeq
Supt.

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N. O. Branch Mint
N. Orleans Nov 21. 1847

Sir,

I have to report that no delivery of coin was made to the Treasurer of this Mint, on yesterday the 20th. instant.

Very respectfully
Y. ob. Sert.
J. W. McKenney
Supt.

Hon R. J. Walker
Sec. of the Treas.
Washington.

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U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans Nov 23d 1847

Sir,

I have to report that no delivery of coins was made on yesterday the 22d instant — the day before being Sunday the operations of the Mint were, of course, suspended —

very respectfully
Yr. ob Servt

Hon Robt J. Walker
Secretary of the Treas
Washington —

W. M. Lamos
Supt.

Statement of the Coinage at the Branch Mint of the United States, New Orleans, from the 20th. to the 23d. of November 1847, inclusive

Denomination	number of pieces	Value		Total Value	
		Dollars	cts	Dollars	cts
Gold,					
Eagles	20.000	200.000	00		
				200.000	00
Total value of Coinage				200.000	00

Branch Mint of the United States,
New Orleans 24th. November 1847.

R. M. Reynolds
Supt

Wm. Reynolds, Supt.
U. S. Branch Mint, N.O.
Nov 23d. 1847

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N. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans Nov. 24th 1847

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose Statement of coins delivered by the Coiner of this Branch Mint, to the Treasurer thereof, on Saturday the 23d inst.

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
J. Mc Lemore
Supt

Hon Robt J Walker
Secy of the Treas.
Washington.

U. S. Branch Mint,
New Orleans Nov. 28th 1847

Sir,

I enclose a Statement showing a delivery of coin, at this Mint, on the 27th instant.

Respectfully
Yr. ob. Servt.
R. M. Kennedy
Supt

Hon. Robt. J. Walker
Sec'y of the Treas'y
Washington.

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Statement of the Coinage at the Branch Mint, New Orleans, from the 24th to the 27th November 1847, inclusive

Denomination	Number of pieces	Value		Total value	
		Dollars	cts	Dollars	cts
Silver,					
Half Dollars,	50.000.	25.000	00		
				25.000	00
Total value of Coinage				25.000	00

Branch Mint of the United States,
New Orleans, November 27th. 1847.

D. W. Mahoney
Supt.

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N. O. Branch Mint
New Orleans January 7. 1848

Sir,

A provision adding $600 per annum to the salaries of each of our two clerks, will be included in the amendments to the laws governing this Mint, which, with your concurrence, I hope this one delegation, to obtain from Congress — The insufficiency of the compensation now allowed, has already led to three Resignations in that Department of our Institution, and the services of our present Book Keeper have so far, only been retained by the allowance to him on the part of Mr. Maclurd, of his own salary as Sub Treasurer — The incumbents of these two clerkships, should, as you are well aware, be men of character, experience and great integrity, and the temporary absence of either, which has sometimes occurred from indisposition, has always been productive of inconvenience, and delay in the transaction of business — They should be remunerated in proportion to their responsibility, and to the cost incurred which they, and I trust, will continue to take place, in our Coinage.

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These grounds in support of the proposed action of Congress, and others equally strong, will in due time, be laid both before that body, and the Department; but as no new appropriation can go into effect until after the expiration of the present fiscal year, the object of this communication is, as an act of justice, to make a request the decision of which rests with yourself —

The Coinage of this Mint in 1844 was nearly Seven Millions and a half, and that of the present year will be, I hope, be still greater. I therefore, in view of the great increase of labor and services on the part of our two Clerks, attendant upon this vast extension of our operations, ask permission to allow them each $5 per month, commencing with the last quarter of 1844), as extra compensation, the amount to be drawn from our contingent appropriation.

Very Respectfully
Your ob. Servt.
R. M. Saunders
Supt

Hon Robt. J. Walker
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington —

New Orleans. 3. February 1848.

R. J. Walker Esq.
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City

Sir,

My attention was recently attracted to a publication which appeared in the "Commercial Times", a newspaper of this city, on the 25th January 1847, being extracts, it appears of a letter from R. M. Patterson, Director of the Mint, Philadelphia, to D. M. Kennedy Superintendant of the Branch Mint here. Enclose the publication referred to cut out of the paper. You will perceive that Mr. Patterson is of opinion "that the original dies cannot have been used by the counterfeiters". Some facts have come to my knowledge which lead me to believe this opinion erroneous, and which it may not be improper for me to communicate to you.

I have this morning had a conversation with a certain C. C. Lyon, who is a dentist residing on Camp Street in this city. He was yesterday pointed out to me by a gentleman in whom I have every confidence, as a man of

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strict integrity, whose statement are ~~who~~ worthy of entire Confidence, and who had requested me to be informed that he could possibly throw some light upon the subject of the Counterfeit gold Coins

Mr. Lyons informed me that he was employed in the milling department in the mint here, in the year 1843, and subsequently up to the time of the present Comer Brooke's coming into office: that, at that time the workmen in the mint frequently observed when coming to work in the morning that their tools were not in the places in which they had been left the night before, and bore the appearance of having been used; that his own apparatus and tools, for milling, often presented such appearance, and that he was morally certain that they had been used: that at this time Philus B. Tyler was Comer; that Tyler had employed under him a brother Lucius Tyler, and a nephew George Tyler: that Lucius Tyler had at that time a skeleton key, which he had manufactured for himself, which would open all the doors of the working department of the mint; and that this fact, (which is surprising) was not concealed from the superior officers of the establishment; that at this time Tyler had a galvanic battery in his room, and experiments were

carried on, in coating inferior metals with gold; Lyons declares that it is quite possible to detach the machinery for coining from its connection with the steam engine, and that a single Person can then work it by hand; he considered Lucius Tyler a very dipolute and immoral character; he thinks the Tylers are now living in Springfield Mass.

This is about the substance of the Conversation which I had with Mr. Lyons, from the character of the man I entertain no doubt of the truth of the facts. They are Possibly sufficient to justify some vigilant attention to one or all of the Tylers.

I remain, Sir,
Very respectfully
Your most obdt. Servt.
Thomas J. Durant
Attorney of the United States
for the District of Louisiana.

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New-orleans. 20. February. 1848.

R. J. Walker Esq.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington City.

Sir,

On the third of this month I had the honor to Communicate to you on the 3d of this month certain information which appeared to me to bear on the forgery and counterfeiting of the gold Coinage of the United States.

Since then I have learned that the persons mentioned in that letter viz. the Eylers, had their residence in the building of the mint: further, that Albert Mitchell who was then employed in the Coiners department was several times heard to say that "he knew enough about the Eylers to ruin them if he were disposed to tell it". Mitchell now lives at Katgrove, Monmouth Co. Illinois. My informant is the person mentioned in my last letter.

I am, very respectfully,
Your most obdt Servt.
Thomas J. Durant.
Attorney of the United States.
for the District of Louisiana

Hon. R. J. Walker Esq
Secretary of the Treasury

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Hon. Robert J. Walker
Secretary of the Treasury

Dear Sir

I beg leave respectfully to write to you concerning California

What is wanted there immediately is an Assay office — this can be established immediately whereas the establishment of a mint involves time & expense —

The assay master can go directly to the mines and all the tools he will want will be his Crucibles & his ingot-mould & his assaying apparatus —

The assay office being established, every person who might wish to dig for gold should go to the assay office & register his name & take out a permit — (perhaps this permit should only be granted to American Citizens with a condition that ale pots should be brought to the assay office) The assay master should receive the pots & give a certificate of so much proof weight — in the course of a few days it could be melted & cast into ingots carefully assayed weighed & the number of pennyweights & value stamped upon it — The ingot moulds may be of various sizes from $20 — to $500 — or from one ounce to twenty ounces. The inside of the mould may be ingrailed of cylindrical shape with U.S. eagle at the end — When the bars are prepared & delivered to the owner of pack should be deducted for duty to the United States —

Gold prepared in this way would be

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legal tender throughout the United States - and would circulate throughout all Europe & Asia It would not be so easily counterfeited as small coin - The weight & specific gravity would always determine the quantity & fineness of any bar of gold & would soon detect any counterfeit of the U.S. stamp -

a great advantage of an Assay office over a mint is the effence - The gold region may not be as productive as is now supposed or the vein in one place may run out & another be found at a great distance in which case the Assay office would be removed without much effence whereas the removal of a mint with its steam engine & all its heavy machinery would be much more difficult -

Ingots of gold stamped in this way would be of much the coin of the United States as half-Eagles & would pass as currently in Asia - where much of the California gold will be sent to purchase teas

The Subtreasury office in California might be in the same office with the assay master & thought prudent -

This is merely a rough sketch of a plan for establishing an Assay office in California -

Respectfully
Your most Obt
Chas Platt

Washington Dec. 21. 1848

N. S. Branch Mint.
New Orleans Feb 28. 1848

Sir,

I beg leave, respectfully, to call your attention to a communication addressed by me to the Department on the 7th. of January last, requesting an allowance of extra compensation to one two Clerks, to be drawn from our Contingent appropriation, and also to ask a favorable consideration thereof, and a reply at your earliest convenance.

I have also to State, that no "circular instructions" of a date subsequent to the 4th. March 1845, and not comprehended in the list forwarded to me on the 21 ult., have been received at this Office —

Very respectfully
Your ob. Servant.
J. C. McKennes
Supt.

Hon. M. Clintock Young
Acting Secretary of the Treas.
Washington
D.C.

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J. C. M. Nemeyer Supt.
U.S. Br. Mint, N. Orleans

Feb 28. 1848

ACK

Attention of the Secretary called to a communication of the Supt. of the 7th Jan '48, asking an allowance of extra compensation to the two Clerks of the Mint to be drawn from Contingent appropriation —

Secretary informed, that no circular instructions have been issued since 4th March '45, not compensated in the Certificate dated on the 21 January last.

No. 264. March 14/48

McKean

Copy

U. S. Branch Mint

New Orleans March 9th 1848

Sir,

I enclose a letter from Mr. Brooks, to whom I submitted Mr. Durants' communication to the Secretary of the Treasury. This is so delicate a matter that I shall push the inquiry no farther, unless you should be of opinion that the statement of Mr. Brooks is unsatisfactory. I am desired by that Gentleman to mention one fact (an important one) omitted by him in his letter. The skeleton key in question does not open the coining room in which the presses are kept.

I have not called on Lyons in consequence of the improbability of my eliciting from him any thing more positive than the "facts which have come to the knowledge" of the District Attorney. Had that officer had the courtesy to seek an interview with me, it is quite likely that his missive to the Department would have become unnecessary.

Respectfully

Your obt Servt

(Sgnd) Jos M. Kennedy.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director
of the Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

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Branch of the United States Mint

Sir, New Orleans March 4th 1848

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the copy of a letter addressed by P. I. Durant, Attorney of the United States for the District of Louisiana to the Hon. R. J. Walker Secretary of the Treasury, in which it appears that very grave charges have been brought against Philos B. Tyler, Ex Coiner of this Branch Mint and certain members of his family, by a man of the name of Lyons formerly employed in this Mint and dismissed for causes deemed sufficient by the Superintendent, and more than sufficient by me, believing him as I did and do to be a dishonest hypocritical rascal. I can only say that at the period alluded to by Lyons I was at all times upon the premises both by night and by day acting in the capacity of Foreman of the Coining department, and enjoying the entire confidence of the Coiner and his family, and lodging in the same room with Lucius Tyler, so maliciously slandered by Lyons. I have every reason to know that the charges brought by the said Lyons against the Tyler family are false, and feel assured that they are well able to defend themselves against all such implications. I know the use of keys after mint hours, as alleged by Lyons, to have been impossible.

With respect to the skeleton key it is well known that such a key has always been used in this Mint by the Coiner or his Foreman

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to save the trouble of carrying a load of keys, because from the great humidity of this climate, and other reasons which need not be here expressed, it is necessary that confidential machinists should have access to several of the machine rooms after working hours to preserve the machinery from rust, or to repair any slight damages.

It appears strange that Mr Lyons should have made such a singular development five years subsequent to the period alluded to (1843), or that he did not bring it forward in the Spring of 1847, when giving testimony before a court of Inquiry in this Mint against Mr Pixley, on certain frivolous charges preferred by himself.

Lyons stated to Mr Durant that "the workmen in the Mint frequently observed, when coming to work in the morning, that their tools were not in the places in which they had been left the night before, and bore the appearance of having been used; that his own apparatus and tools for milling often presented such appearance, and that he was morally certain that they had been used". — All this is admitted, so far as he was concerned, for he always came to work rather late in the morning. Mr Lyons was positively forbidden to make any repairs to the milling machine, as he was not a machinist; such repairs as were necessary were therefore frequently made in his absence, by the Coiner or some confidential machinist. The same remarks as to repairs will also apply to the case of the tools

of other workmen said 322 to have been misplaced.

It was the Coiners duty after the Regular hours of the mint to inspect all the Machinery in his department, to examine the tools to see that they were in good condition, and to study out any useful alterations that might be made.

Galvanic and other Scientific apparatus have always been used in this Mint by the working officers, who felt anxious to keep pace with the Scientific improvements of the day; but all such experiments were openly performed and known to many gentlemen acquaintances of Mr. Tyler's, among whom I recollect Judges Rost and Eustis, and Mr. William Pendleton of Philadelphia; also to visitors. - I now repeat that I have every reason to know that neither Ex Coiner Phil's B Tyler nor any of his connexions employed by him in the mint, were ever guilty of committing so horrible a breach of trust as they are wrongfully charged with by the infamous Slanders of this dismissed workman Lyons.

As to Lucius Tyler, I have always considered him as a kind hearted hardworking, honest man; he earns his bread by the Sweat of his brow and never has been a man of much pecuniary means. If Lyons' insinuations were true he ought to be such.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
(Signed) John Brooks
Coiner

I. M. Kennedy, Superintendent

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U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans April 12th 1848

Sir,

In accordance with what I have understood to be your suggestion, I am about urging upon our Representatives in Congress, the adoption of a Resolution, consulting the Department as to the expediency of amending, so far as the Institution is concerned, the "Act to establish Branches of the Mint of the U. States" approved March 3d. 1835. In the event of the passage of such a resolution, I beg leave, respectfully to lay before you the following changes in the law, as calculated, in my opinion, to enhance the stability and promote the success of the Branches under my Superintendence.

One fifth part number of workmen is limited to twenty. Of these one melting Department has the services of three only. One man, occasionally the inefficiency of this number has been productive of delay in the operations of the Establishment. Should a peace be concluded between this Government and Mexico, much crude bullion that will require toughening, and mixed bullion that

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will Equire parting, will doubtless be sent to the Mint for Coinage. It will then be desirable, in the Mint, of our Melter & Refiner, (as it has already frequently been) to run two pots for making silver ingots, one for gold ingots, and have a couple of men to do the parting and getting up of grains, all simultaneously. It may perhaps be unnecessary to make any permanent increase in the Number of our Workmen, but I think it should be made discretionary with the Superintendant, in cases of Emergency, to add as many men to the Number now fixed by law, as the Emergency may Equire —

The Salary of our two Clerks is insufficient — On this subject I beg leave to refer you to my letter of the 7th. January, last, and to add to the grounds therein stated, in reference to an increase to $1800 per annum, the following, viz: that the Compensation allotted to the Clerks in the Mother Mint, are, considering the immense difference between expenses of every description, in Philadelphia and New Orleans, equal almost to double the amount allowed here — Without this consideration, however, I feel confident of your concurrence with the Mint, for the imperative reasons, set forth in my Communication above alluded to —

I beg leave also, as an act of justice

to the Treasurer of this Institution (the Officer I mean, and make no special reference to the present incumbent) to add $500 per annum to his Salary. My Reasons for so doing are very short & strong - As Assistant Treasurer of the U. States, his additional compensation is but $500 - He gives a Bond in the sum of Two Hundred Thousand dollars, and his pecuniary responsibility is appalling - As Treasurer of the Mint, he is the only Officer, who is unprovided by the Government, with a Residence in the building. The increase of salary proposed, would but half pay his rent.

Very Respectfully
Your ob. Servant.
D. M. Haines
Supt.

Hon Robt J. Walker
Secretary of the
Treasury
Washington
D.C.

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N. O. Branch Mint
New Orleans May 30th 1848

Sir,

I enclose a Memorial from the Treasr of this Institution. So far as the Mint proper is concerned the increase of Salaries recommended meets with my hearty concurrence. My position as Superintendent does not call upon me for any expression of opinion on, and that -

I beg leave here to reiterate the Remarks made in my letter to you of the 12th April last in relation to the number of Workmen which I now have the authority to employ, and to ask for such an amendment of the law, as will enable the Superintendent, during any emergency, to add as many Workmen to the number (20) at present allowed, as that emergency may render necessary. The present limit, in that particular has frequently led to inconvenience, and delay -

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
J. M. Clemens
Supt.

Hon Robt J. Walker
Secretary of the
Treasury
Washington

To the Hon'ble Secretary of the Treasury of the United States,

The Memorial of the Undersigned, Treasurer of the Branch Mint of the United States at New Orleans, respectfully represents,

That the Compensation at present fixed by Law, for payment of the Salaries of the Clerks in his department, is inadequate & insufficient, to procure the services of proper and competent persons. The Law, as it now stands, gives to the two Clerks, allowed for the use of the Mint, the sum of One Hundred Dollars each p month - the duties performed by these Clerks are not only arduous, but they require a high degree of intelligence and integrity of character. Equivalent Services rendered in other departments of business in this city, in the Banks and Counting rooms of Merchants, are now justly remunerated, the Salaries varying from Fifteen Hundred to Twenty five hundred Dollars p Annum - As an evidence of the practical working of the low salaries alluded to, it may be stated, that since his appointment, the present Treasurer has had great difficulty in securing competent and efficient Clerks, and he has been obliged for some time past to give from his own pocket five hundred dollars p Annum, as ad-

L. H. Pennell, Esq.
U.S. Branch Mint N.O.

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additional compensation to the chief clerk, in order to retain his services, who, in remaining with this inducement, is still making a personal sacrifice, as his services in a counting house would command higher pay. - It is universally conceded that it costs a man of family fully Fifty P Cent more to live in New Orleans than in any of the northern cities -

In consideration of the premises, I would ask you to procure, if practicable, such a modification of the Law, as to allow to each of the Clerks, hereinbefore mentioned, a Salary of Eighteen Hundred Dollars P Annum.

In Conclusion, the Undersigned begs permission, to refer to his own case - his Salary is Two Thousand Dollars P Ann, the same as that of the Assayer, the Coiner, & the Melter & Refiner, - but these three last named Offices, as well as the Superintendent of the Mint, are provided with dwelling apartments in the Mint building, a privilege not enjoyed by him. - his duties are certainly not less responsible than those of his brother officers, & he thinks it no more than just and right, that he should be placed on an equal footing with them, in the way of Com= =pensation - he would therefore ask you to pro= =cure for him an addition to his Salary, as Treasurer

of the Mint, of One Thousand Dollars ℔ annum, that being about a fair equivalent for the want of dwelling apartments in the Mint. —

For the same reasons, as given in the foregoing, the undersigned would respectfully ask your aid in procuring an increase of the Salary for the Clerk allowed to him, as Assistant Treasurer of the U. States, under the Act of Congress of the 6th August 1846 — by law he now receives only Eight Hundred Dollars ℔ Annum, a Salary not equal to the earnings of the Ordinary labourers in our city, totally inadequate to obtain the services of a person, competent to discharge the duties of so responsible & laborious a place. The undersigned would therefore earnestly urge the justice & necessity of increasing the compensation for this Clerk from Eight Hundred to Eighteen Hundred Dollars ℔ Annum. — Considering the increase of his own duties, as well in the amount of labor, as in responsibility (his Official Bond being only ~~for~~ $200.000 —) the Undersigned thinks he may, with some shew of reason, ask that his own Salary, as Assistant Treasurer, be increased — the present Salary, Five Hundred Dollars ℔ Annm., being altogether out of proportion to the increase of his duties, under the Act of 6th August 1846 —

the

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the Undersigned will leave it to the Secretary of the Treasury to determine what, if any, increase of Salary will be proper in his case, as Assistant Treasurer of the U.S. States.

Very respectfully

John R. Macmurdo

Treasurer of the U.S.

Branch Mint, New Orleans

& Assistant Treasurer U.S.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans May 31. 1848.

Sir,

The premises in the Mint building allotted to the Sup.t as a residence not having been originally designed as such, but subsequently appropriated for that purpose, by the then Secretary of the Treasury, without any alteration, I believe, in the first distribution thereof, I respectfully beg leave to make a change in the communication between the two first rooms of the principal story, by closing the single door which now exists, and causing one to be opened in each of the two panels, by which the said rooms are divided -

I desire also, with your permission to attach as a means of communication between the residence of the Coiner and his office, a foot gallery, to the outside of that now used by that officer for that purpose, which is in front of a portion of my dwelling, and which may then be made private; and to enclose, also for the sake of privacy, that portion of the passage way in the Basement Story which is next to the dwelling of the Superintendent, giving another egress to the Coiner and his household, thro' his own yard - For the reasonableness of this application in all its particulars, I ask leave to refer you to Mr Parker Sup.t of the Marine Hospital, who has made a personal inspection of the premises. The whole expense will not exceed $200.

Respectfully Y. Obt. Servt.
Wm Elmes Sup.t

Hon. Robt. J. Walker,
Sec.y of the Treas.
Washington D.C.

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U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans Oct 12th 1848

Sir,

I have to request that you will issue your Warrant in favor of the Treasurer of this Branch Mint for the sum of Twelve thousand four hundred and twenty five Dollars, to pay the Expenses of this Institution for the present quarter, on account as follows:

Salaries of Officers and Clerks	$3225. "
Wages of Laborers	" 4200. "
Contingent & Incidental Exp^{s}	
exclusive of Wastage for 1848	" 5000. "
	$12,425. "

and will oblige me by having the remittance made in time to be rec^{d}. before the close of the month.

I have not rec^{d}. from the 1st Comptroller the communication announced by the Acting Secretary of the Treas^{y}. in his letter to me of the 19th ult^{o}. relative to the $12000 ask^{d}. for on a/c of Contingent Exp^{s} for the last quarter previous to the issuing of the Warrant. Of this sum $6738. 84 are required to balance Profit & Loss a/c up to 31 Dec^{r}. 47, and the remainder is much needed to pay outstanding bills for which we have been pressed by the members of the night watch & others who have rec^{d}. no wages for 3 months.

Hon. Sec^{y} of the Treas^{y}.

Capt. & Sup^{t}. Sec^{y}.

J. M. Clemmer

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Mr Van Zandt.

Please state whether you have upon the files of the Comptrs Office the official bond of M Macmundo as Treasurer of the Mint at New Orleans. J H C
Oct 23/1848

Mr Cutts,

I do not find upon the files of this Office any Official Bond of Mr. Macmundo, as Treasurer of the Mint at New Orleans, under his confirmation by the Senate Yesterday.

W B V Z.

Comptr Office. 23 Oct. 1848.

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Mr Mahon Jr

Please state Mr Macmurdo balance at the date of last settlement with him & the Amt of Vouchers rec'd since that settlement

J.H.C
Oct 23/48

Mr Cerutti

Balance due from him on 31st December 1847 was $12.209.10 since when Vouchers have been disposed claiming credits for $29.572.74

Alex Mahon
Oct 23rd /48

T. M. Kennedy Esq
U. S. Branch Mint
N. Orl. Oct 12 1848

Asking Remittance of
$12,425 to pay Expts
for present quarter —
and informing Sec. that
the Communication from
the 1st Comptroller
announced by the Acting
Sec. of the Treas, in
his letter of 19th Sept. '48,
relative to $2000 for
Contingent Expts during
last quarter, has not
been received —

N. O. Branch Mint
New Orleans July 14. 1848

Sir,

It is very desirable that our Funds for the purchase of Bullion for Coinage sh. be increased, as speedily as possible, to about Two hundred and fifty thousand Dollars - It is now so small (about $75.000) as to occasion much delay in our payments to Depositors - The amount of Foreign bullion, now in N. Orleans, is not less than $2,000.000. principally in Mexican Coin. We do not get it, because we cannot promise speed, &c -

We will require, to pay Expenses during the present quarter

For Salaries of Officers & Clerks — $3.225.
" Wages of Workmen ..... 4.000.
" Contingent & Incidental Exps including Wastage for the year 1847 : 12.000.
Be good enough to issue, on warrant — 19.225
for the amt. in favor of the Treas. of the Mint, so soon as the appropriations for the present Fiscal year will have been made -

Respt. y. Obt. Servt.
Wm Lamed
Supt

Hon. Robt J. Walker
Sec. of the Treas
Washington D.C.

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U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans December 14. 1848

Sir,

I Received yesterday your communication of the 4th instant with its inclosure for Dr. I. L. Ridsdale and immediately complied with the direction therein contained - The operations of the late Melter and Refiner were forthwith brought to a close, and he was instructed to prepare for an immediate settlement of his account. As his office is now vacant this is not one of the cases in which I am authorized by law to make a temporary appointment - You will therefore perceive how desirable it is, that the nomination of his successor should be made and acted upon by the Senate, with as little delay as practicable, - A copy of the account in question will without any loss of time, be laid before the Director, for his approval.

Very respectfully
Your Ob. Servant
J. M. Reno
Asst.

Hon: Robt. J. Walker
Sec.y of the Treas.y
Washington
D. C.

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U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans Dec 28 1848

Sir,

Mr Maynardo presuming that a letter directed to him by the Dep.t as Superintendent was intended for me, has requested me to give you the information therein desired, relative to the item of $1500 for "Machinery and Machinists" for this Mint - No portion of this sum is "to be appropriated "to the permanent employment of an additional Officer "or Officers" - Our annual appropriations for "Officers and Clerks" are of the exact amount requisite to pay the Salaries fixed by Law, and the sums ask'd for, for "Wages of Workmen" and "Contingent Expenses" are based as nearly as possible upon unavoidable wants under those heads, respectively. The number of "Workmen" which we are allowed by the Act establishing this Branch Mint is so small, that their valuable time is usually employ'd in carrying on the Regular Operations of Coinage and this item of $1500. is for the purpose of enabling us to procure such articles of Machinery as are to be manufactured either abroad or in this City, by Workmen unconnected with the Mint. They are sometimes made in our Machine Shop in order that they may be prepared under the eye of the Officer

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for which Depts they are intended - These
articles, for the next year will consist princi-
-pally of the following

Rolls -

Brass boxes to replace those constantly wearing
out.
Castings Irons and Steel for Presses.
Steel Hooks, Stakes and Rolls for Coining Presses.
Chains for drawbench
Vases for drying Blankets -
Gearing -
Cast of castings and steel for carrying
Bullion,
Patterns for castings, and
A new Milling Machine for gold, similar
to that used in Philadelphia - &c.

Trusting that you will find this explan-
-ation satisfactory, I am

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
J. McKamey
Supt.

Hon. Robt. J. Walker
Secretary of the
Treasury
Washington
D.C.